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## King of Nepal visits Kuwait

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (KUNA): The King of Nepal, Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Deva and the accompanying delegation arrived here this evening.

## BJP man shot down in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15, (UPI): Muslim militants yesterday killed a senior leader of a Hindu political party in northern Jammu and Kashmir, where radicals have been agitating for New Delhi to grant the Himalayan state secession, the Press Trust of India said.

The domestic news service reported a Muslim youth who tried to block the assassins was critically wounded in the assault in Srinagar.

It quoted witnesses as saying two gunmen, wearing masks, waited in a lane outside the residence of Tikka Lal Taploo, a leading lawyer and the senior vice-president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), a rightwing Hindu party which advocates India declaring itself a Hindu nation.

The Press Trust said the assassins opened fire with pistols about 20 feet from Taploo, felling him with three shots in his chest and abdomen.

## Kuwaitis beat Sri Lanka 3-0

SINGAPORE, Sept. 15, (KUNA): Kuwait beat Sri Lanka 3-0 in a football match at the Singapore Sports Complex.

Saudi Korea, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, and Bangladesh respectively.

Taiwan lost to China 3-1.

## Gold coins

One of the thousands of gold coins recovered from the wreck of the SS Central America is displayed. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Pakistan expels Indian diplomat

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 15, (KUNA): An Indian diplomat based in Islamabad has been expelled by the Pakistan government for his objectionable activities, Foreign Ministry officials here said.

The diplomat, identified as H.C. Parashar, was the Indian ambassador in Islamabad, has already left for India, intelligence sources said.

"We have declared him (Parashar) persona non grata for his activities inconsistent with his status," the Foreign Ministry officials said.

Diplomatic sources here said that this was apparently retaliatory measure on the part of the Pakistan government in the light of the arrest of a Pakistani official.

## Cricket crisis over

BOMBAY, Sept. 15, (Reuters): India's cricket authorities have lifted the one-year ban imposed on six test players, including skipper Dilip Vengsarkar and all-rounder Kapil Dev, for taking part in a match between India and North America earlier this year.



On top of the world

Children from the slums-up sign as they plant trees along the street level atop One Broadway Palace in New York. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Mother Teresa serious Infection sets in

CALCUTTA, Sept. 15, (AP): Nobel laureate Mother Teresa, fighting a persistent fever and chest pains, may have developed infection, posing a "new danger," her cardiologist said today.

Dr. Vincenzo Bilotta, a heart specialist from Rome and a longtime friend of Mother Teresa, said "with the high temperature, her condition is still serious."

"Her heart is very weak. The infection is now posing a new danger to her," said Bilotta, who treated Mother Teresa for a similar ailment in 1985. He did not say where the infection may have developed.

A statement by the Woodlands Nursing Home, where the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun was admitted last week, said "Mother (Teresa) is still running a temperature. She has had a mild episode of chest pain which rapidly responded to treatment."

Dr. George Lombardi, an infectious disease specialist from Cornell University in New York, said doctors were trying to find the cause of a possible infection.

"We are doing everything possible but could not yet diagnose it," he said. Lombardi and Bilotta flew to Calcutta earlier in the week to help with the treatment.

Mother Teresa developed chest pains and high fever yesterday just as doctors thought she was recovering well from a heart attack suffered last Friday.

## Hindus, Muslims riot 13 dead, 50 injured in Kota

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15, (AP): Police opened fire on rioting mobs of Hindus and Muslims in a western Indian town and at least 13 people were killed and more than 50 injured, news reports said today.

Press Trust of India news agency said the clashes occurred late Thursday in Kota town, 400 kilometres (250 miles) southwest of New Delhi, during celebrations to mark the end of a popular Hindu festival.

The news agency said "members of a particular community" perched on roofs, hurled stones at processionists carrying idols of a Hindu god, sparking clashes in which "arms were freely used."

The news agency does not identify communities by name in such reports. But Kota, in Rajasthan state, has a predominantly Hindu population and a small Muslim community.

United News of India news agency said police first tried to repulse the rioters with batons but the crowds hurled rocks at policemen, forcing them to open fire.

The agencies did not say if the deaths occurred in police firing or during the clashes between the two opposing sides.

More than 25 shops were burned and an arms shop was looted, PTI said. It was not immediately known if stolen weapons were used.

An indefinite curfew was imposed and troops patrolled the streets today with shoot-on-sight orders, the news agencies reported.

PTI said the situation "was tense but under control."

## Pakistan to rejoin C'wealth

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 15, (KUNA): Pakistan will rejoin the Commonwealth as its 49th member effective this Oct. 1, Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal announced today.

With Pakistan's re-entry into the grouping of Britain and its former colonies after a lapse of 17 years, Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto is expected to attend the Commonwealth heads of government meeting (Chogm) to be held in Malaysia from Oct. 18-24.

A Malaysian Foreign Ministry statement today quoted Shridath as describing Pakistan's return as an "historic development" in the evolution of the Commonwealth.

Shridath had carried out consultations at Pakistan's request over the past months with member states of the Commonwealth on Pakistan's re-entry.

"The Commonwealth had responded with unanimity to the wish of the democratically elected government of Pakistan to rejoin the Commonwealth," the statement quoted him as saying.

It was Beijing's father, the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who took Pakistan out of the Commonwealth in 1972 when members Britain, Canada and Australia recognized the breakaway state of Bangladesh, formerly east Pakistan.

Improved relations with neighboring India also played a part. Last January, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi lifted an implicit veto by announcing that he was ready to sponsor Pakistan's re-entry.

Robert Penn Warren, 84, three time Pulitzer prize winner, died.

(Reuters wirephoto)

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## Egypt offers peace plan

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Sept. 15, (Agencies): Egypt's ambassador officially presented to Israel today a Middle East peace plan and an offer to arrange Israeli-Palestinian talks, but Israel's four top leaders failed to overcome their differences on the proposal.

Officials in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud block and Finance Minister Shimon Peres' left-leaning Labour Party said the disagreement on the 10-point Egyptian plan is threatening the stability of the coalition government.

But Shamir emerged optimistic after the session, telling Israel radio: "There are some chances for moving for peace process, not only by these 10 points... there are other developments that encourage us. I don't think we are facing deadlock. There is a movement and we are discussing further developments with our American friends, Egyptian friends, and I hope that we will get results."

In Moscow, an official radio broadcast expressed support for the Egyptian plan, saying it could push the peace efforts forward, but also noted that "right-wing radicals in Israel and leftist radicals in the PLO" could torpedo the proposals, Israel TV said.

An aide to Peres confirmed that Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny presented a peace plan devised by Egyptian President Mubarak to Israeli leaders today.

"He brought a 10-point document... detailing Egypt's view of the Israeli peace initiative," Nimrod Novick told the television.

"The second issue raised was Mubarak's offer to invite to Cairo, the moment Israel agrees to it, an Israeli delegation and a Palestinian delegation, to discuss the Israeli government's plan of elections, in the occupied territories, Novick said.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has called on Israelis to negotiate with Palestinians, saying the biggest triumph is making peace, not war.

In remarks published today in the Arabic-language Al-Iftihad, Arafat urged Israelis to join peace talks "for the good of your children and ours."

The Israeli Minister of Energy, Moshe Shalev, said today that he was not at all against the creation of the state of Palestine, provided the security of Israel is not threatened. (See Page 13)

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## Kuwait urges Mideast to act

Ties with Iran improving

PARIS, Sept. 15, (KUNA): Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad has said that a settlement of the Middle East crisis is not in the hands of the US alone.

"Peoples of the region are chiefly involved in such a solution and as such they are the decision-makers," he added.

In a wide-ranging interview with the Paris-based Al Ousbou Al Arabi, weekly magazine, Sheikh Sabah stressed that Kuwait would adhere to the Arab consensus on such key question, including the Egyptian 10-point proposal for a settlement of the Palestinian question.

"We know Egypt does not want to sell Palestine... and wish that the new Egyptian plan would be debated in a pan-Arab conference so that there would be no differences," he said.

Sheikh Sabah said Kuwait's relations with Tehran are improving, and urged Iran's new President Hashemi Rafsanjani to work for stability in the Gulf region.

"Our relations with Iran are not bad. They had reached the extent of missile-firing, but they are now better," said Sheikh Sabah.

He said Kuwait has accepted Iran's nomination of Hussein Sadeqi, director of Gulf Affairs at the Iranian Foreign Ministry, as ambassador to Kuwait.

"I think our relations will be better in future and such relations will help clear the (Gulf) atmosphere after the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, Sheikh Sabah said.

"I know President Rafsanjani well and I think he is capable of pushing affairs toward stability. But we have to concede he has foes," Sheikh Sabah said, in reference to hardliners opposed to the new Iranian President's moderate policies.

On a planned visit to Iraq by His Highness the Amir and on whether it was related to the border demarcation talks between the two countries, Sheikh Sabah said:

"I want to be very frank. It's a courtesy visit that has nothing to do with the border question. His Highness the Amir has not visited Baghdad after the (Gulf) war and it's only natural that we visit now."

Asked on Amir's upcoming African tour Sheikh Sabah said, the Amir will visit Guinea, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Mauritania, in his capacity as Chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

He pointed out that the Amir has personal friendly ties with Senegalese President Abdou Diouf and hoped that the Amir's visit to Senegal would make it easier for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to mediate a settlement of an ethnic dispute between Senegal and Mauritania.

Sheikh Sabah said the Amir's visit to France "is a visit of a friend to a friend, in the light of the strong and personal relations between HH and French President Francois Mitterrand."

Amir will visit France on Sept. 23.

Sheikh Sabah said it is natural that the visit would be a chance for the exchange of view on several topics of interest to the two countries, topped by the Lebanese and Palestinian crises, security in the Arabian Gulf and the debt problem on which the Amir and Mitterrand have similar views.

Sheikh Sabah said the visit to France is the first official visit by the Amir to a West European.

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Former first lady Nancy Reagan moves her hand towards former President Reagan's head as he waves goodbye after being discharged from the hospital, where he underwent brain surgery. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 5 die in Peshawar bomb Lahore blast kills 8

LAHORE, Sept. 15, (Agencies): A powerful explosion rocked a busy shopping area of the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore yesterday, killing at least eight people and injuring 25 others, police said. They said the cause of the blast could not be immediately determined.

The explosion occurred at about 3 pm on the ground floor of a paint shop in a market in the heart of the city, destroying the store, badly damaging three adjacent shops and smashing the windows of nearby houses and cars, police said.

The mutilated bodies of seven people were found at the site, police said. They said 26 other people were injured, six of them seriously, of whom one later died in hospital.

The blast also smashed paint drums, leaving the debris in the shop covered in multi-coloured fluids.

Police said they were unable to immediately determine the cause of the blast, but one senior official speculated it may have been triggered by chemicals stored in the paint shop.

A bomb killed five people and injured 22 in a restaurant near the North-West Pakistani city of Peshawar on Wednesday, witnesses said.

It was the first serious bomb attack since August 6, when three blasts in Peshawar and Rawalpindi killed four people and injured at least 40.

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## High Court denies Marcos petition to return; outrage mounts over gun scandal

MANILA, Sept. 15, (AP): The Supreme Court today dismissed a petition by Ferdinand Marcos to return home and agreed with President Corazon Aquino that the former President's return "poses a serious threat to national interests."

"In an eight to seven vote, the court said it agreed with the government's position that the return of Marcos and his family would 'wipe away the gains achieved during the past few years and lead to total economic collapse.'"

"Given what is within our individual and common knowledge of the state of the economy, we

cannot argue with that determination," the 30-page majority opinion said.

It is our well-considered opinion that the President did not act arbitrarily or with grave abuse of discretion in determining that the return of former President Ferdinand Marcos and his family at the present time and under present circumstances poses a serious threat to national interest and welfare and in prohibiting their return to the Philippines," it added.

Justice Teodoro Padilla, one of the dissenters, said "the drama today is the same drama in 1983

with the only difference that the actors are in opposite roles, which really makes hope in the national interest that the mistake in 1983 should not be made to persist in 1989."

Padilla was referring to the murder of Aquino's husband, former Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., who was gunned down on Aug. 21, 1983, after arriving at Manila airport from self-exile in the United States.

Benigno Aquino's assassination touched off a series of protests that culminated in the February 1986 popular uprising that toppled Marcos. Marcos has been living in Hawaii since Aquino

has refused to allow Marcos, his wife Imelda and his family to return home, citing national security concerns.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives yesterday defended its decision to suspend rather than expel a member accused of gun-running after some newspapers and lawmakers condemned the move.

The house voted unanimously on Wednesday to suspend Rep. Nicanor de Guzman after 314 guns were found in luggage allegedly belonging to him after his arrival Sept. 5 from California.

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# Filipino interests to dictate US bases issue: Cory

MANILA, Philippines, Sept. 15, (AP): President Corason Aquino said yesterday she will decide whether to allow US military bases to stay after 1991 primarily on Filipino interests, rather than regional security concerns.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Mrs. Aquino said she was waiting to hear what Washington was prepared to offer

before making her decision on the bases, whose lease expires in September 1991. US and Filipino officials are expected to begin talks late this year on the future of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations.

US officials claim the bases are essential for maintaining security in the Far East, including the six member Association of Southeast

Asian Nations, of which the Philippines is a member.

"I will decide this based on what I believe will be in the interest of the Filipino people," Aquino said. "While it is true we are Asian, my first consideration naturally is for the interest of the Filipino people and after that what will benefit the Asian region."

Singapore has offered air and naval

facilities in case the Philippines closes the installations here. But US officials say Singapore's facilities cannot match the size and location of those in the Philippines.

Last October, the United States agreed to pay \$461 million in aid to keep the bases until 1991. US officials warn that Washington is not prepared to pay substantially more for the bases because they contribute to Philippine

defence.

During the interview, Aquino refused to say whether she believes the bases guarantee regional security. She noted, however, that the presence of American bases did not prevent Japanese forces from invading this island nation during World War II.

"If you are referring to the second World War, they didn't, as you know, contribute too

much," she said. "In fact, there are people who think that perhaps we were the first to be attacked simply because of the presence of US bases."

US Vice-President Dan Quayle is expected to discuss the bases issue when he arrives here Sept. 26 for a three-day visit. The issue is also expected to be raised when Mrs. Aquino visits the United States in November.

## 17 troops cleared of coup charges

MANILA, Sept. 15, (AP): A court martial has acquitted 17 officers and soldiers of minor charges in connection with a 1987 coup attempt against President Corason Aquino, the military said yesterday.

A six-member panel last Friday cleared the 10 officers of the Philippine constabulary, including former Lt. Col. Eduardo Matillano, of conduct unbecoming of an officer, a military spokesman said.

Matillano's group still faces charges of mutiny and murder in connection with the Aug. 28, 1987 coup attempt. Trial of these charges is to continue tomorrow, Rimando said.

Lt. Col. Juanito Rimando said the military court also cleared seven other soldiers of the charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

Matillano and his men allegedly took over a hotel and the government television station in suburban Quezon City during the coup attempt, in which at least 53 people were killed and hundreds wounded.

The renegade leader of the coup attempt, former Lt. Col. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, remains at large. Honasan was captured in December 1987 and escaped from a prison ship four months later.

Soldiers captured 13 regional communist leaders in a series of raids in the southern Philippines, the military announced today.

A report from the Philippine Constabulary said the guerrillas were arrested in four separate raids from Sept. 7 to Sept. 11 in Davao City, 960 kilometres (610 miles) southeast of Manila.

The military said the first to be arrested was William Duran, an alleged regional party official. The report said the subsequent raids were made after Duran told troops where to find his comrades.

The group, being held at the regional constabulary headquarters in Davao, included local leaders of the New People's Army, the Armed Wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, it said.

Meanwhile, on Luzon Island, guerrillas Wednesday burned two bulldozers, a truck and other equipment of a private logging company that refused to pay "revolutionary taxes," the military said.

Lt. Col. Antonio Lopez said the incident took place on the outskirts of the town of Casiguran in Aurora Province, about 208 kilometres (130 miles) northeast of Manila.

## 12 killed in bus plunge

DHAKA, Bangladesh, Sept. 15, (AP): A bus carrying double its permitted passenger capacity plunged into a flooded canal yesterday outside Dhaka, killing 12 people and injuring 30 others, police said.

The accident occurred at Demra, 10 kilometres (6 miles) southeast of the capital, when the bus carrying 60 passengers skidded off the highway and tumbled down an embankment, they said.

The bus was allowed to carry 30 passengers under the law, said police officers who cannot be identified under briefing rules.

## It's total war in Sri Lanka

100 killed, 100 houses burned in 4 days

COLOMBO, Sept. 15, (Agencies): More than 100 Sri Lankans were killed and 100 official buildings set ablaze in four days, though the government said the situation was improving.

Military sources said today 35 people were killed in the 24 hours up to this morning in areas where leftist rebels were active. Twenty-one government buildings were set on fire in the same period.

In one rebel attack, nine members of a family were killed at their home in Bandarawela in the central region. A female television presenter was killed at Mount Lavinia, south of Colombo.

Police said pro-government militias hunting the People's Liberation Front (JVP) were responsible for some killings.

Military sources said JVP rebels had destroyed or badly damaged post offices and other government offices with documents inside in a bid to cripple the administration.

"In one attack, the rebels set fire to a seed factory with vehicles worth 45 million rupees (\$1.1 million) inside. The factory was razed to the ground," one source said.

Deputy Defence Minister Ranjan Wijeratne told reporters yesterday the security situation was steadily improving and people would be able to overcome their fear for the Sinhalese front.

He said more and more rebels were being captured and those who challenged the security forces were killed. A government statement said 250 suspects were detained in security operations yesterday.

The JVP, accused of killing 3,000 people in its two-year campaign to topple the government, wants the withdrawal of Indian troops sent to help a revolt by minority Tamils.

Police said Sagarika Gomez of the state-run Independent Television Network (ITN) was found dead by early morning joggers on a beach at Mount Lavinia, 16 km (10 miles) south of Colombo.

Six gunmen went to Gomez' home at nearby Dehiwala on Wednesday night and took her away, he said.

Security forces have arrested 279 suspects in the latest crackdown on anti-government Sinhalese radicals in central and southern Sri Lanka, a government spokesman said today.

It said at least two radicals were also killed during an army operation yesterday in Matale district's Udawalpala village, northeast of Colombo.

It also said 168 suspects were arrested in Colombo district and the rest in several operations since yesterday in the Sinhalese heartland.

The statement said 26 "wanted subversives", including an unspecified number of women, surrendered in central Sri Lanka during that period.

Subversives is the official term for members of the People's Liberation Front (PLF), an ultranationalist guerrilla group trying to overthrow the Sinhalese-dominated government.

The government crackdown was launched after President Ranasinghe Premadasa inaugurated an interparty peace conference on Wednesday to try to end six years of ethnic strife in Sri Lanka that has cost 16,000 lives.

Although invited, the PLF did not attend the meeting. The next session will be held on Monday. The PLF has also rejected the government's earlier peace offers.

Indian peacekeeping soldiers will declare a ceasefire in their battle to disarm Sri Lanka's Tamil rebels after both governments sign an imminent withdrawal agreement, Sri Lanka said yesterday.

Wijeratne, said differences on one issue prevented the neighbouring countries from ending a three-month-old diplomatic deadlock over the withdrawal of some 40,000 Indian troops.

## Militants kill Sikh family

Indo-Pak extradition accord

AMRITSAR, India, Sept. 15, (Agencies): Suspected Sikh extremists killed eight members of a Sikh family in renewed violence that claimed 12 lives, in northern Punjab state, police said today.

Six militants armed with automatic assault rifles raided the farmhouse of Diler Singh in Rasoolpur village, about 140 kms (90 miles) south of Amritsar, said Surjit Singh, a senior district police official.

The militants rounded up the eight occupants, who were all Sikhs, and herded them into the back yard to line them up against a wall, police said.

They reported the assailants opened fire, killing all eight, who included Singh's wife and parents.

They said some of Singh's family apparently tried to flee, but were cut down by gunfire from the radicals, leaving blood splatters across the compound. The attackers escaped from the farmhouse.

Police offered no theories as to the reason for the killings, but Sikh militants often kill moderate Sikhs who do not sympathise with their cause.

Elsewhere last night, Sikh militants kidnapped a Sikh farmer's two sons and shot and killed them outside the village of Talwandi Goraya, police said.

A woman was gunned down outside her house in Bhikhiwind near Amritsar by unidentified

militants, police said, while militants shot and killed a Sikh at his house in Valthoa.

The militants, believed to belong to the radical Khalistan Commando Force, escaped, police said.

India and Pakistan have worked out mutually acceptable modalities for tracking down and handing over fugitives of either country in the other, sources said in New Delhi.

India's investigative agency, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and Federal Investigative Agency of Pakistan (FIA), both Interpol members, signed an agreement to this effect on Aug. 23.

The agreement was a direct follow-up of the meeting between India's home secretary and his Pakistani counterpart at Islamabad from May 20-24.

The meeting discussed close co-operation between the two countries on dealing with the problems of narcotics, border patrolling and fugitives.

CBI has finalised a list of 15 most wanted persons for criminal offences including smuggling, drug trafficking and other crimes. The list will be submitted to the FIA shortly, the sources said.

The August 23 meeting in New Delhi divided fugitives into three distinct categories — those with valid travel documents, third country citizens and those without proper documents.

'Zardaris dominate party'

## PPP splits up

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 15, (Kuna): A 10-member group of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party in the National Assembly is expected to take separate seats in the lower house very shortly.

Their leader, Qurban Ali Shah, has applied to the speaker of the lower house Malik Meraj Khalid, to allot them seats away from the treasury benches.

All the members of the new PPP group, who belong to Sind province are being described in parliamentary circles as the "angry group of the PPP."

According to Qurban Ali Shah, who belongs to Tharparkar district, the group would be known as "Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Group" but it would work within the ruling party.

The major reason for forming a separate group, he said, was to relieve the PPP parliamentary party from the "harmful influence" of Hakim Ali Zardari, the father-in-law of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

"We believe in Bhuttoism only and will not allow Zardaris to

dominate the party," said the leader of the splinter group. Besides working against the powerful influence which Hakim Ali Zardari had come to wield on the PPP, the ZAB group would work for attainment of more provincial autonomy, Qurban Ali Shah said, adding that the group would move a bill in the National Assembly's session, which began yesterday, seeking more autonomy for the provinces of the federation of Pakistan.

The ZAB group did not attend the meeting of the parliamentary party of the PPP held on the eve of the session of the lower house.

Listing other objectives of the angry PPP group Qurban Ali Shah said: "We would also work for the amendment of the constitution to have direct elections for the senate and the election of provincial governors instead of selection."

Pakistan businessmen closed factories in an industrial estate near Karachi yesterday over the kidnapping of a factory manager.



### Where is the gold?

A goldpanner is watching his rare nuggets very carefully as he and some 200 others from 27 countries compete against each other in the

15th World Goldpanners' Championship in Gairkroon, near Bayreuth today. (Reuter wirephoto)

Desai libel suit: Jury selection was completed yesterday in the federal court libel suit brought by former Indian prime minister Morarji Desai against Pulitzer prize-winning author Seymour Hersh.

Six jurors and two alternates will hear the case before US District Judge Charles Noyce. Opening arguments are scheduled to begin Monday.

Desai, 93, prime minister of India between 1977 and 1979, says Hersh libeled him in his 1983 book, "The Price of Power: Henry Kissinger in the Nixon White House." In the book, Hersh said Desai was an informant for the Central Intelligence Agency and worked for the CIA beginning in the mid-1960s. (UPI)

Hindu god honoured: Nearly a million people according to police estimates thronged Bombay beaches yesterday to immerse thousands of clay statues of the elephant-headed Hindu deity Ganesha in the sea.

Traffic came to a virtual halt in India's bustling business capital as Hindus headed to the shore to perform the annual rite. (Reuter)

Onions cure: Heart disease can be curbed by eating onions, it was suggested here. The British Onion Producers Association said research in Hungary, West Germany and the US showed onions had a medical role as well as providing flavour.

But the suggestion received a cool response from the coronary prevention group, which said the best advice on heart care was still to cut back on saturated fats, found in fatty meats, dairy products, cakes, biscuits and some fast foods. (KUNA)

Americans overweight: Some 33 million Americans, about 20 per cent of the adult population, are significantly overweight, giving the United States one of the highest populations of fat people in the world, a researcher said yesterday.

"It's clear that significant obesity appears to be more prevalent in the United States than elsewhere," said Dr. George Bray, a professor of medicine at Louisiana State University and a leading researcher in obesity. (AP)

New technology: Doctors have another weapon in the battle against heart disease — three-dimensional (3-D) colour images of arteries where life-threatening blockages often occur, developers of a new technology say.

They say their ultrasound scanning system will substantially improve treatment of cardiovascular disease because doctors currently have to depend on less vivid X-ray images of arteries.

The technique was displayed by project clinician Christopher Burrell of the London Hospital, at a meeting of the 11th Congress of the European Society of Cardiology in Nice which ended yesterday. (Reuter)

Child upbringing research: A council of Europe ministerial conference today called for more research into the effect of modern child upbringing methods on subsequent adolescent and youth behaviour.

This was one of several recommendations listed in a final communiqué at the end of the four-day conference on child upbringing and the role of family services. The gathering was attended by ministers responsible for family affairs from 20 of the 23 member states of the council.

The final communiqué affirmed that child upbringing is primarily the responsibility of both partners, father and mother. It expressed the wish that all policies should have as a priority the need to

### Janitor cleans \$3m

## From rags to riches

CHICAGO, Sept. 15, (AP): State lottery officials have surrendered and awarded a \$3 million lottery jackpot to a janitor who won a court fight to claim the prize without a ticket.

Julius Russell Jr., 60, was presented a mock cheque yesterday by lottery director Sharon Sharp, who announced the state had withdrawn its appeal of the August court ruling in his favour.

"I feel great. I have five beautiful daughters and that's where it's going," Russell said. "I haven't thought about myself as of yet."

Ms. Sharp said the state withdrew the appeal it filed last week after lottery records showed prizes had been awarded to claimants who could not produce a winning ticket, though never for more than \$5,000.

Circuit Judge Robert Skowronski ruled Aug. 10 that the lottery must pay Russell the prize despite his inability to produce the winning ticket.

Russell proved in court that he had consistently played the same two sets of numbers in the weekly Lotto game. The lottery confirmed that one of the two winning tickets for that \$6 million November 1985 drawing was purchased at the grocery where Russell routinely plays the game.

help parents to assume this responsibility. (AP)

Monkeys in space: Two monkeys were launched into space today on a 14-day mission to study the effects of zero gravity and space radiation on living organisms, the Tass news agency said.

The launch of the biological satellite came a day after the Soviet Union, using a single booster rocket, launched six Cosmos satellites into orbit yesterday, the official news agency said.

Tass said the capsule carrying the two primates was launched space by Soyuz booster rocket as part of an experiment organised by scientists from

Washington, Sept. 15, (AP): Archaeologists digging three blocks from the White House have unearthed thousands of relics from Washington's notorious old red-light district, where civil war prostitutes earned their US nickname "entertaining Gen. Joseph Hooker's troops."

Shovelling beneath an asphalt parking lot just south of Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the US Commerce Department this summer, investigators found perfume bottles, gaudy buttons, costume jewellery, garter belts and a cellar full of whiskey and beer bottles.

Hooker, the union commander defending the capital against Confederate forces, tried to control the army of prostitutes following his troops by herding the women into Murder Bay, away from his encampment outside the city.

Hookers exposed

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, (AP): Archaeologists digging three blocks from the White House have unearthed thousands of relics from Washington's notorious old red-light district, where civil war prostitutes earned their US nickname "entertaining Gen. Joseph Hooker's troops."

Shovelling beneath an asphalt parking lot just south of Pennsylvania Avenue in the shadow of the US Commerce Department this summer, investigators found perfume bottles, gaudy buttons, costume jewellery, garter belts and a cellar full of whiskey and beer bottles.

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the United States, Canada, France, Hungary, East Germany, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and the European Space Agency. (AP)

European space station: Western Europe should go it alone and build a permanently manned space station, a European Space Agency spokesman said yesterday.

The European Space Agency (ESA), Japan and the United States signed an accord in 1988 to build the freedom space station and Europe's space projects are based around the project. But budget-cutting by Washington now threatens its future.

"If co-operation (with the US) is not possible then Europe was the capacity for its own autonomous activity in this domain," Jean-Marie Luntz, director-general of the French National Space Centre told a news conference. (Reuter)

Put up for adoption: A mother who gave birth to test-tube quadruplets said today she planned to put up three babies for adoption because she couldn't cope.

The news sparked a new debate over the ethics of test-tube babies. The Channel 7 television network said the woman's decision amounted to "taking the pick off the litter."

A state social service official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the woman was suffering from "unendurable" stress and was receiving counselling. (AP)

Taxi hijacker gives up: A drug addict with a shotgun who kidnapped a taxi driver and a woman for eight hours to get morphine, gave himself up to police early today without harming either of his captives.

The incident delayed the departure from Denmark of French Foreign Minister M. Roland Dumas, whose flight home late last night after opening an art exhibition here was moved to a military airport.

The 34-year-old man hijacked a taxi near Copenhagen's red light district late yesterday, coaxed a 27-year-old female acquaintance into the vehicle, leveled a shotgun at the driver and girl and demanded morphine, police said. (AP)

W. German shot dead: A West German tourist was shot dead and another seriously wounded early Wednesday as they slept in their motor campers by an unidentified gunman off a beach near this northern Greek town, police said.

Police identified the dead man as Alexander Christof Wendel, 21, and the injured German as Thomas Grohn, 20, both of West Berlin.

Grohn who had his hand shot off by the shotgun blast, crawled out of his camper to a nearby highway where he was spotted by passing motorists who summoned police. He was taken in serious condition to Salomica's Papanikolaou hospital, 55 kilometres (35 miles) to the north at 8.00 am (0500 GMT). (AP)

Ruler denies killing: Lesotho's military ruler Major-General Justin Lekhanya denied killing a student in cold blood when he appeared before an inquest today.

He admitted firing the shot that killed George Ramose, 20, last year but added: "It was not my intention to kill him at all. My intention was to apprehend him."

Police battled to control a 200-strong crowd which stampeded into a magistrate's court to hear the testimony by the military strongman of this southern African country. (Reuter)

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## DALLAS, Texas

Neiman Marcus, seller of sumptuous fantasies for 81 years, is inviting its well-heeled clientele to put on a pair of spurs and recapture the Wild West.

The Dallas-based retailer began delivery Tuesday of its Christmas catalogue, the annual wishbook of the wealthy. For a cowpoke with \$108,000 Neiman's will sell a hand-tooled saddle by Edward H. Bokim Co., lavishly furnished with sterling silver and 18-carat gold.

A cowboy isn't a cowboy without a horse, so for \$4,500 and up Neiman's is offering a selection of champion bloodstock, painted horses from the real ranch in Kentucky. Buyers can choose from 1989 yearlings and up — from black to bay. (AP)

MONTREAL: Some Canadians are making so few babies that the government of Quebec actually pays people to have children and has now ordered businesses to guarantee a paid leave of 27 weeks to any pregnant mother.

Premier Robert Bourassa, who is in the middle of an election campaign, explained that increasing the birth rate is the most important challenge of the decade for Quebec, "because our future is imperiled."

Only a generation ago, it was not rare for Quebecers to have five or six children. Today, the birth rate is 1.4 children, much below the two per cent needed to replace the French population.

French Canadians are so alarmed that last year a highly publicized documentary warned that the French would indeed disappear as a major ethnic group in this corner of the world, becoming a much smaller group in competition with other ethnic groups. (KUNA)

WASHINGTON: US senators weighing the options of a regular bill or a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning heard Wednesday that US veterans groups aren't united on the issue.

The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars told the Senate Judiciary Committee they supported President George Bush's position that a constitutional amendment was the only way to overcome the Supreme Court ruling that made flag burning a legally protected form of expression.

The testimony came a day after the House of Representatives sent the bill back to the Senate by approving its bill outlawing flag burning by a 380-38 margin.

"We believe the only iron clad way to protect our flag is through a constitutional amendment," said Walter G. Hagem, the VFW's commander-in-chief. Whether any regular statute could pass muster with the court was doubtful, he said.

Leaders of the Vietnam Veterans of America said, however, they thought a statute could be tried first, before tinkering with the constitution. (AP)

## Advantage reversed for righties

## Lefties live longer

NEW YORK, Sept. 15, (AP) — Left-handed people may tend to live longer than right-handers, suggests an analysis of the lifespans of baseball players.

The advantage appeared for lefties born after 1890, averaging 2.1 years for those born in 1910 and estimated to climb eventually to about 3.73 years, said researcher Max Anderson.

But his conclusions were disputed by another researcher whose previous analysis concluded that left-handed players live shorter lives.

Said another previous analysis of players found no difference in lifespans.

He studied the lifespans of 4,479 ballplayers, comparing average longevities of left- versus right-handers born in the same year from 1860 to 1922. The year-by-year approach accounts for increases in life expectancy, he said in a telephone interview.

He found that left-handers born before 1890 tended to live shorter lives than right-handers, with the advantage reversed after that date.

Coren's analysis found virtually no lifespan difference up to that age, but from then on, about 2 per cent more right-handers than left-handers survived at each age. (See Medical File — Page 4)

CHICAGO: Dogs are killing Americans at a much higher rate than previously thought, with perhaps 18 to 20 deaths from canine attacks each year, a US study said on Thursday.

The Pit Bull Terrier is the number one killer dog, the report said, followed by the German Shepherd. Seventy per cent of the victims were children under the age of 10.

The study, published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association, was compiled by the Federal Centers for Disease Control which said it conducted the most comprehensive search for data for information on dog attacks. (Reuters)

HYDE PARK, Vermont: As a girl, Elizabeth von Trapp ran through the hills near her home singing songs from The Sound of Music.

Call it a family tradition. Soon she will step onto a stage to portray her grandmother, Maria von Trapp, whose flight from Nazi-occupied Austria inspired the musical.

Elizabeth von Trapp makes her debut as Maria in a local theatre production of the story made famous by the 1965 movie in which Julie Andrews portrayed Maria von Trapp, the matriarch of the family who died two years ago at age 82. (AP)

MEXICO CITY: Damazo Perez Prado, the popular Cuban-born musician known as the "King of Mambo," died Thursday after years of poor health, a close friend said. He was 73.

Perez, who exchanged music lovers around the world for more than four decades, died at 4:45 pm Thursday in Mexico City, his close friend, Cuban actress Rosa Carmina, told United Press International.

Perez, affectionately known by family and friends as "Señal Face," composed and interpreted hugely popular songs including "Qu Rico Mambo" (How Magnificent Mambo), "Rico, Caliente y Sabroso" (Delicious, Hot and Tasty), "Mambo Numero 5" (Mambo No. 5), "Mambo Numero 8" (Mambo No. 8), "Norma la de Guadalajara" (Norma, the Woman from Guadalajara) and "Mambo del Taconazo" (Foot-Stomping Mambo). (UPI)

TORONTO, Canada: Actor Donald Sutherland, who plays a South African teacher in the film A Dry White Season, said a movie with a powerful anti-apartheid message may inflame enough people to take action.

"South Africa is a country that does not care what people in the rest of the world think," Sutherland said Monday at the Toronto Festival of Festivals.

"A Dry White Season," which was favourably received by audiences and critics in its world premier at the festival, shows how a once-passive Sutherland responds to a series of revolting events.

Also in the film, slated for release by MGM in late September, are Marlon Brando, who plays a human rights attorney, and South African actor Zakes Mokae. (AP)

Spelling contest

Australians are the best

NEW YORK, Sept. 15, (UPI) — American contestants came in last in an international spelling bee involving four English-speaking nations, a survey released this week found.

The results of the 1989 Gallup international spelling survey with contestants from the United States, Canada, Australia and Great Britain was won by Australians who were able to spell seven of 10 contest words correctly despite lower educational levels.

Canadians came in second, with six correct responses, and the British ranked third, spelling five words correctly. American participants trailed, able to spell only four out of 10 words accurately.

The best American spellers tended to be those between the ages of 34 and 44. The worst were 18 to 24 year olds.

Asked for comment on the survey, US Secretary of Information Lero Cavazos said the results confirm the existence of the education deficit, perhaps the United States' most destructive deficit.

Results showed that spelling ability in the United States and Canada has declined in the past 34 years.

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## Tennis anyone?

The Princess of Wales got an impromptu forehand coaching lesson from Mark Cox, training coach of the Lawn Tennis Association, during her visit to the LTA centre Sept 13. Looking on is youth training coach R A Lewis. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bingo Day 1

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WASHINGTON: Government population figures show the rural United States continues to gain people, but some experts say new urban maps in 1990 may show a different picture.

About 64.8 million people, or 25 per cent of the US population lived in rural areas in 1988, an increase of more than 900,000 from 1987, the government reported Wednesday.

The total US population is approximately 255 million, living in either of two major areas of the population. That number is a decrease of 35,000 from the previous year. (AP)

WASHINGTON: The House of Representatives on Thursday rejected a Senate effort led by Jesse Helms to prohibit US funding of sexually explicit or blasphemous art.

The Senate had passed a spending bill so as to prohibit the National Endowment of the Arts from awarding grants for art judged to be obscene or offensive to religious and racial groups.

But the House, on a 264-153 vote, sided with a Republican congressman's motion to have the House accept that Senate provision when negotiators from the two bodies meet to work out differences between their two versions of the bill.

The vote, in effect, held House negotiators to oppose Helms' measure.

Democratic Congressman Signey Yates, the endorsement's chief supporter in the House, said the Helms measure amounted to censorship and would produce a "lingering death" to the 25-year-old agency. (AP)

TULSA, Oklahoma: Evangelist Oral Roberts said Wednesday his hospital and medical school will close by Jan 1 to help make up for a \$25-million deficit caused by a crippling drop in donations.

Four other ministry homes and a married-student complex owned by Oral Roberts University also will be sold, Roberts said in announcing the closing of the City of Faith Hospital and Medical school here.

A \$50-million endowment would be needed to keep the medical complex, which Roberts has long considered a symbol of his medical missionary work, operating, the evangelist told a news conference. (AP)

LAUSANNE, Switzerland: Motorists cannot be held liable for causing a traffic accident if they brake sharply to avoid running over animals, the Swiss federal court ruled on Thursday.

Holding that animal life requires protection, Switzerland's highest court overturned the traffic law conviction of a motorist who slammed on her brakes to avoid hitting two foxes that had bounded onto a road in front of her car.

A motorist behind her was unable to stop in time to avoid a collision. The federal court sent the case back for reconsideration saying respect for animals must override traffic regulations. (Reuters)

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## His very own sneakers line

Superstar Michael Jackson checks out a L.A. Gear tennis shoe during the Sept 12 press conference at the Hollywood Palladium. L.A. Gear, the footwear and apparel company, announced that they will design and market a Michael Jackson signature line of fashion sneakers worldwide. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sammy Davis Jr. to be treated for cancer

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 15, (Reuters): American entertainer Sammy Davis Jr. has throat cancer and will start radiation therapy next week, a spokesman said yesterday.

His condition was diagnosed after his annual medical check-up, the spokesman said in a statement.

He quoted a Beverly Hills specialist as saying the carcinoma was localized and the 63-year-old entertainer was expected to make a full recovery after treatment.

Davis, a heavy smoker, has been touring with his long-time collaborator Frank Sinatra, and Liza Minnelli. The spokesman said he was expected to finish his current engagement in Nevada but would not appear in North American concerts scheduled for next month.

Davis has made about 40 albums included such hits as "Candy Man," "Hey There" and "The Lady Is a Tramp."

He has also written two bestselling autobiographies and performed as an actor, dancer, mimic and comedian.



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# How to stop second-guessing, US psychologist tells

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15, (AP) — A psychologist is urging people haunted by regret over choices in life to rethink their lamentations and either look at the bright side or take charge of their lives to reach their goals.

"They're the people who are always thinking about the past," psychologist Arthur Freeman says. Such "ruminators," mired in their pasts, believe their lives have been irrevocably altered by choices they'd like to change.

"What they think of is how things were. They didn't see the flip side of how

things are," said Freeman, a professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and the University of Pennsylvania.

Such people can be recognised as soon as they start talking about their problems, he said. They say: "I look at the past and see more failure than success." "I would like to change my job, but it's too late." "I should have become an artist," or "I could be happy if only I were rich."

Freeman encourages his patients at the University of Pennsylvania's Centre for

Cognitive Therapy to rethink such comments. "If only I hadn't given up my career to have children" becomes "I have three wonderful, loving children."

In a new book, "Woulda-Coulda-Shoulda," (colloquial for "would have-could have-should have") Freeman and Rose Dewolf of the Philadelphia Daily News explore second-guessing, outline a course of action and, using specific situations, describe how readers can either fall back into the habit or break it.

"Insight, in and of itself, is not sufficient to change," Freeman said. "I'm

more interested in what keeps you doing the same stuff and how you can change. Change is the name of the game. Not just sitting here talking about change but actively working on change."

The first step is acknowledging a problem and wanting change. Ruminators should examine their assumptions, such as having an unlimited skill ("I'd be happy if I were a successful surgeon") or being able to know the future ("We'd be rich if I had sold the stock at a higher price").

The next step is to write down the

advantages or disadvantages as a way to evaluate the change and the person's willingness to risk it.

Freeman encourages his patients to challenge their thinking and conclusions by examining the assumptions inherent in their statements. Once the assumptions are understood, he said, ruminators should decide a course of action.

His former dentist, in the midst of a successful practice and teaching position at the University of Pennsylvania, decided to become an engineer. After several years of night school while contin-

uing to work, he graduated and achieved his goal.

Freeman cites the case as an example of goals that are not unattainable, but have to be accomplished step by step. Failure to overcome the problem usually occurs when a person can't take the final step and risk a change.

"Making a change is difficult," Freeman said. "The Woulda-Coulda-Shoulda person thinks of the endpoint but refuses to get involved in the process."

## Fast chicken and fish, fast fat

BOSTON, Sept. 15, (AP) — Health-conscious diners who opt for chicken and fish at fast-food counters aren't doing themselves any nutritional favours, says a committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Fish and chicken, usually considered relatively low-fat alternatives to red meat, can be booby-trapped by fast-food cooks with vast amounts of hidden fat.

Fast food is food that can be prepared quickly and can be taken out of the restaurant to eat. In a report in yesterday's New England Journal of Medicine, the committee offers statistics about the pitfalls of these and other menu choices to back up its proposal for wider disclosure of what's in fast food.

Among the society's proposed fast-food guidelines:

- Reveal the type and quantity of fat in food, as well as the amount of protein, vitamins and minerals.
- Provide printed menus for people who want to restrict their intake of salt, calories or fat.
- Identify the nutrient content of items on salad bars, especially such selections as potato salad and dressings.

- Offer such alternatives as low-fat or skim milk, margarine, low-fat salad dressings and whole-grain buns.

The report was written for the society's nutrition committee by Connie Roberts, a dietitian at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

"In their natural state, they are

Disturbance may lead to depression

## Insomniacs in more trouble

CHICAGO, Sept. 15, (AP) — More than a third of the millions of Americans who suffered from serious sleep disturbances may also have psychiatric difficulties, including depression and panic attacks, a study indicates.

Researchers who analysed data on 7,954 people found that 40 per cent of those with insomnia and 46.5 per cent of those who sleep excessively, a condition called hypersomnia, also had psychiatric problems.

Psychiatric problems included major depression, anxiety disorders such as phobias and panic attacks and alcohol abuse, the researchers reported in Friday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

About 6 per cent of the general adult population suffers from serious sleep disturbances, the lead researcher, Dr Daniel Ford of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, said in a telephone interview yesterday. Ford was with the National Institute of Mental Health, which did the study.

Ford said it was not always clear whether the psychiatric disorders caused the sleep disturbances or vice-versa.

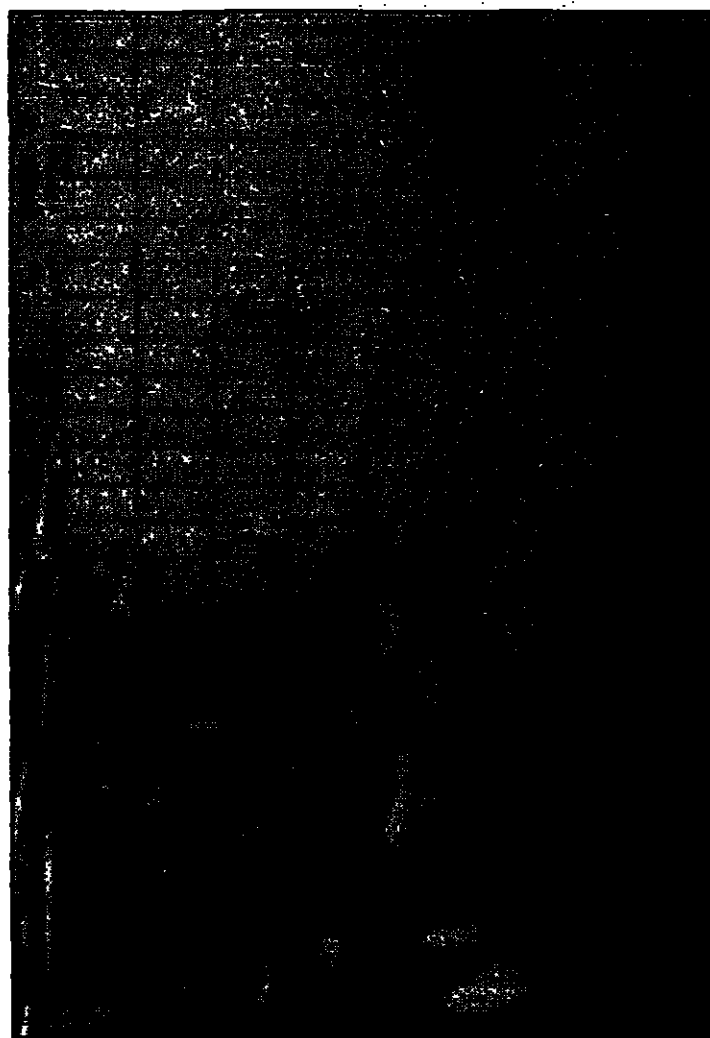
However, follow-up interviews a year after the initial screening indicated that subjects with sleep disorders were much more likely to develop new mental disorders, especially depression, than non-sleep disturbed subjects, the researchers said.

indeed much lower in saturated fat and total fat than red meats. Unfortunately, what we forget when the order is placed is the method of preparation that goes into chicken sandwiches and chicken nuggets.

"Many people are quite surprised to find that the total fat in a single hamburger may be 13 grammes but six chicken nuggets may have 20 grammes of fat," she added. "In contrast, a fish sandwich, by the time it's coated and

has a slice of cheese and sauce, is up to 25 grammes of fat."

The report noted that in general, fast food is high in fat, salt and protein but low in fiber, vitamins and other nutrients.



The Astraz medical firm's chief veterinarian Crister Savholm is seen with some of the twenty-one surviving beagle dogs who were transported to Sweden. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Puppies tragedy

Charges may be filed

LONDON, Sept. 15, (UPI) — Britain's Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has said criminal charges might be filed in the shipping deaths of 79 beagle puppies that suffocated in a truck on a North Sea ferry.

The eight-month-old puppies, part of a group of 100 destined to be used for drug testing by the Swedish pharmaceutical firm Astra, were found crowded into a truck on a North Sea ferry on Sept. 6. The RSPCA did not learn of the incident until Wednesday, spokeswoman Helen Jessop said.

While there have been other incidents of cruelty to animals in the past, the beagle's deaths have no precedent, Jessop said. The fate of the surviving dogs was uncertain.

"No one here can remember when animals being transported have died in such numbers," she said.

Jessop said the RSPCA was sending agents to the Ferrycroft kennels where the dogs were raised, to the Harwick, England dock where they embarked, and to the Monock Freight Co. responsible for their transportation.

"If we can ascertain that any transportation regulations were broken, we may look into the prosecution of the parties," Jessop said, adding that if evidence was found charges would most likely be filed against the kennel or the shipper.

Under British law, the RSPCA can file criminal charges against people suspected of cruelty to animals, she said.

## No monkeying: activists

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, (AP) — Animal welfare activists told a House of Representatives subcommittee that it is unnecessary, cruel and inefficient to use capuchin monkeys to fetch and perform other chores for paralyzed people.

"It simply is not possible to use monkeys in this type of programme and still be humane," the Committee for Humane Legislation, an umbrella group for several animal welfare groups, said in testimony.

"The use of monkeys to provide assistance for quadriplegics is a misguided attempt to place wild animals in a domestic setting," Steven Zewistowski of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals told the Veterans Affairs subcommittee.

That groups said electrical shock is used to train the animals and that their teeth are removed. Mechanical devices have been developed to perform the same kinds of tasks, they said.

## GM Overseas Distribution Corporation President to visit Kuwait

Dale R. Hermiller, President of General Motors Overseas Distribution Corporation arrived in Kuwait to mark the 40 years' association of GM/ALGHANIM.

Mr. Hermiller began his career with General Motors as GM sponsored student in 1971.

In February 1979 he was appointed a manager for the financial staff in Detroit, until 1983.

From there, Hermiller became manager of the Used Car Activity on the sales and service staff. In 1984, he was named Director of Operation analysis for the financial staff in Detroit and became Comptroller for Pontiac Division in 1985.

In May 1987, Mr. Hermiller was named Pontiac Division's Zone Manager for the Orlando Florida Zone, a position he held until being appointed in Jan '89 Executive In Charge of General Motors International Export Sales.

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## Smoking ban on US flights

Koop warns of 'Ugly American'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, (AP) — The Senate has voted to ban smoking on all US airline flights, leaving tobacco interests and advocates of the ban jockeying over how severe the final version of the restrictions will be.

The Senate decided by voice vote to forbid cigarette smoking on all domestic airline routes after routing an effort by tobacco industry supporters to block the provision.

Final passage of the \$11.9 billion transportation bill for fiscal 1990 containing the smoking restrictions was held up by a dispute over unrelated anti-drug spending.

But when that comes, the next step will be for Senate-House negotiators to write compromise legislation that can be sent to President George Bush for final approval. The House last month approved a similar version of the ban that would prohibit smoking on flights of two hours or shorter.

Lobbyist Jo Ellen Deutsch of the Association of Flight Attendants, one of several airline unions working for the total ban, said lobbyists were trying to discern the leanings of lawmakers who will negotiate the measure.

"You can bet the ones who are unsure or leaning the other way will be hearing from us over the next few days," she said.

Spokesman Gary Miller of the cigarette industry's trade group, the tobacco institute, said lawmakers had not given up hope of toning down the restrictions.

"It's not the law yet," he said. "It's our positive outlook that less extreme legislation will be the result" of the House-Senate bargaining.

In the showdown 77-21 vote yesterday, senators forced a halt to delaying tactics that pro-smoking lawmakers had hoped would lead to looser restrictions.

"We didn't undertake that vote in the belief we could defeat" the proposed ban, said Sen. Wendell Ford, who fought the proposal.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, who

sponsored the ban proposal and who cited health concerns about lingering cigarette smoke in airline cabins, said, "the American people are overwhelmingly in support of this suspension of smoking on airlines."

The Senate version would extend the ban to all US routes 95 days after the bill becomes law. Current restrictions prohibit smoking on flights of two hours or less — four-fifths of all routes — but will expire next year unless extended or approved by the new legislation.

Passengers caught smoking would be subject to fines of up to \$2,000 and people found smoking in aircraft restrooms would face penalties of up to \$2,000.

Opponents of the ban argued there is no proof that cigarette smoke causes cancer. They also said that the ban would force many chemicals ashore in the recirculated air inside airplanes. They called on supporters to await a transportation department study on airliner air quality expected by early next year.

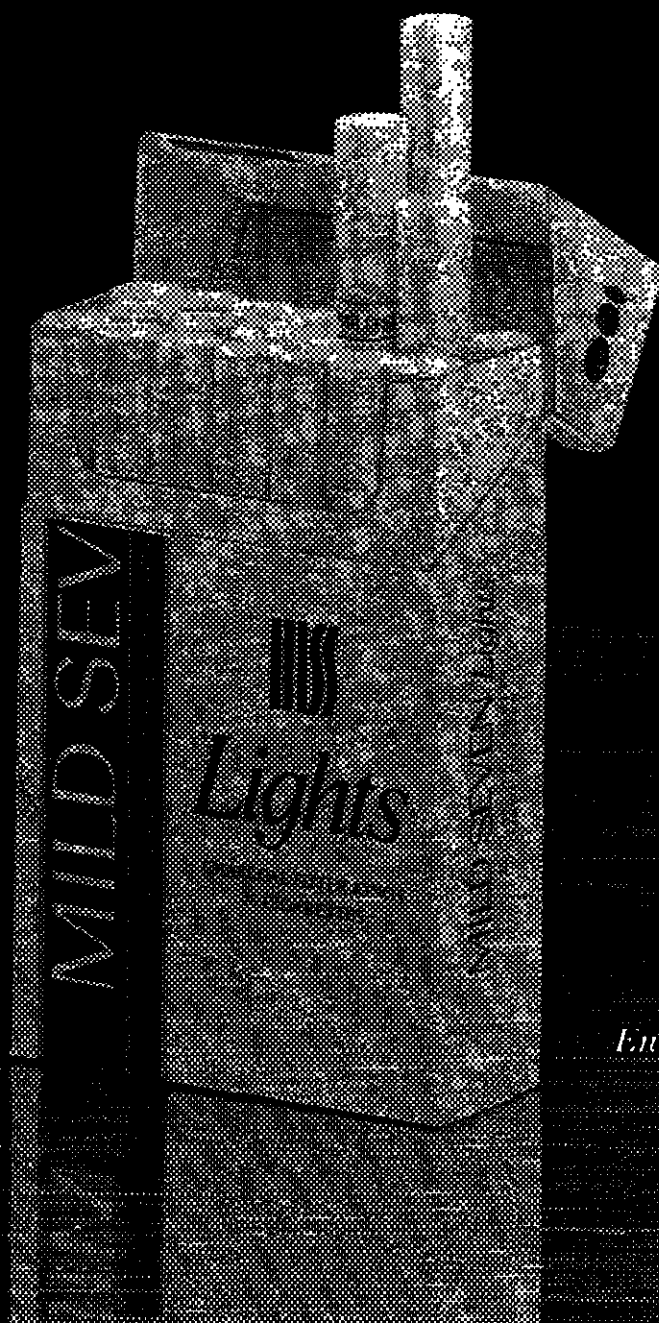
US Surgeon-General C. Everett Koop has criticised US tobacco marketing at home and abroad, backing a bill to keep cigarette machines away from minors and declaring the United States is not respected overseas "because of the manner in which we export tobacco and death by smoking." Koop said the epidemic of "AIDS" will "take some time to root in a decade or two when the developing countries of today realise what we did to them."

He said the wide availability of cigarette vending machines in the United States makes a mockery of laws forbidding minors to buy cigarettes.

"Would we tolerate the sale of alcoholic beverages through vending machines?" He asked. "Would we allow free samples of alcoholic beverages to be sent through the mail or passed out on public property? Of course not."

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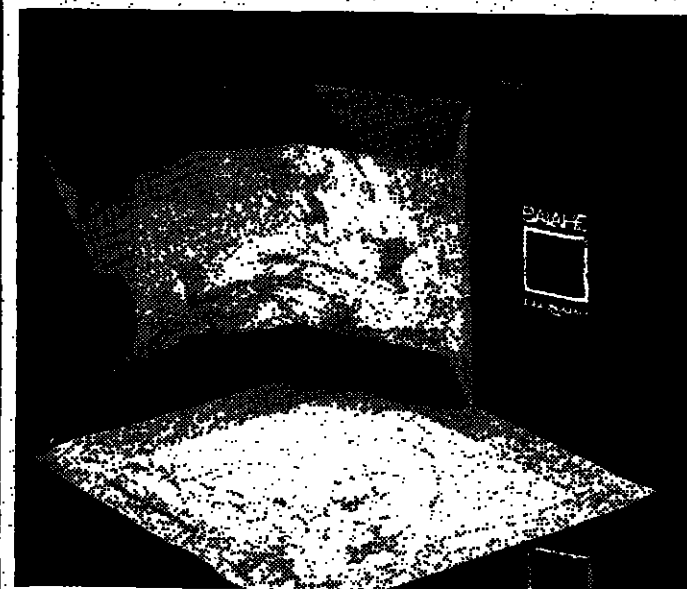
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# Disgruntled employee kills seven and himself

13 hurt in Kentucky shooting rampage

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Sept 15, (AP) — A printing plant worker who shot 20 co-workers had pledged to get even after being dismissed from his job for mental disability last year, but his warnings went unheeded, employees at the plant say.

Joseph T. Wesbecker, armed with several semi-automatic weapons, went from floor to floor shooting former co-workers at the Standard Gravure Corp., killing seven and wounding 13 before taking his own life Thursday morning.

Wesbecker, a 47-year-old pressman, was placed on permanent disability leave last year because of mental illness, police said.

"He carried a big grudge because of that," said George Oswine, a former co-worker. "He said before he left he would get even. I remember that."

Oswine said Wesbecker had begun collecting guns since losing his job.

Another former co-worker, pressman Joe White, said Wesbecker's talk centered on guns and Soldier of Fortune magazine, a magazine about and for mercenaries. White, whose brother Lloyd was killed in the rampage, said Wesbecker thought of himself as a soldier.

"This guy's been talking about this for a year," White said.

"I guess nobody believed him," said Dan Frazier, president of the union local.

Frazier said Wesbecker had become more upset recently because he thought his disability benefits were about to be cut off.

Relatives told police that Wesbecker was a manic depressive who had attempted suicide three times. Wesbecker also had voluntarily spent time in mental institutions, said Lt. Jeff Moody, commander of the police homicide division.

Wesbecker entered the building at 8:30 am (1230 GMT) yesterday and took the elevator to the third floor.

"He just came off the elevator shooting," said Kathy Wilkins, an assistant buyer. "The elevator doors opened and he started firing."

Two receptionists apparently were the first to be hit. Both were wounded, one later died.

Police found four other victims on the third floor, where the executive offices and bindery are located. Wesbecker went from there down to the basement, where five victims were found, then up to the ground floor, where six victims and the gunman were discovered.

Wesbecker was found face down in a pool of blood on the floor of a pressroom.

Two other wounded people had been removed by medics before police arrived, and another victim was on the street outside.

Former co-worker John Tingle said he greeted Wesbecker as he saw him crouching around a corner in the basement carrying an AK-47 assault rifle.

Frazier noted Wesbecker as saying, "I told them I'd be back. Get away from me."

Tingle obliged and Wesbecker proceeded up the stairs to the first floor.

"He didn't fire at me, I guess because he liked me," Tingle said. But "the guys he had shot in the pressroom were friends, too."

Sgt. Frank Portman, one of the first officers on the scene, said he felt helpless.

"Every place we went we were stepping over people and blood," Portman said. "People were waiting, wanting help. And with a shooting victim, there's not much you can do."

Three of the wounded were in critical condition last night with multiple gunshot wounds, said officials at Humana Hospital-University of Louisville, where more than 100 doctors were called in to help treat them.

Wesbecker's weapons included the AK-47, two Mac-11 semi-automatic machine pistols, a .38-caliber handgun, a 9 mm automatic pistol and a bayonet, said police chief Richard Dotson. He carried a duffel bag full of ammunition.

Wesbecker reportedly had made threats against the company, which prints newspaper inserts and Sunday newspaper supplements, but Standard Gravure President Michael Shea said he did not know of any threats.

"I'm at a loss to speculate on anything," Shea said. "What's going through my mind right now is sympathy and caring for the people who are involved."

A woman who answered the telephone at a house where Wesbecker's mother was staying said the family did not want to comment.

"We're just in shock like everybody else. We had to find out over the television. No one called us," said the woman, who did not identify herself. "I guess he was just a sick person. That's all."

## Banned

The US government has banned import of AK-47 assault-style rifles such as the one used in a shooting rampage yesterday in Louisville, Kentucky, but the weapon is still available from US companies.

The administration imposed a temporary import suspension in March after a public outcry over the Jan 17 Stockton, California, schoolyard killing of five children by a man wielding an AK-47.

However, the ban, made permanent in July, doesn't affect guns already owned by people in the United States or similar weapons produced by US companies.

Wesbecker, who opened fire at Louisville's Standard-Gravure Co. printing plant, appeared to be using "half-banana clips" of about 25 rounds each in an AK-47, said Louisville police chief Richard Dotson.

# Bakker knew about payoff

Former aide testifies

CHARLOTTE, Sept 15, (AP) — The Bakker authorized the \$265,000 payoff to PTL funds to keep the scandal quiet, a former top executive testified yesterday.

Richard Dortch, former PTL executive vice-president, said the television evangelist told him: "I have not raped anyone or assaulted anyone, but there is a problem... do what you have to do to get it solved."

Dortch told US district court jurors at Bakker's fraud and conspiracy trial that he told Bakker about calls from Ms Hahn threatening a lawsuit over a 1980 sexual encounter she had with Bakker in a Florida hotel room.

Bakker is founder of the Christian fundamentalist PTL television ministry, which like other such ministries uses television to spread its word and raise money.

Bakker quit PTL in 1987 amid revelations about his encounter with Ms Hahn and the payoff. PTL filed for bankruptcy a few months later, prompting the investigation that resulted in charges.

Dortch testified that Bakker overhauled lifetime partnerships that had become the ministry's primary source of income used for operating expenses but did not build lodging as promised.

Dortch, who pleaded guilty in August to four fraud and conspiracy counts in a plea-bargain exchange, for his testimony against Bakker, said he paid Ms Hahn \$20,000 from his own



Bakker (left) with his attorney George Davis.

pocket and later borrowed \$10,000 from another PTL employee Ms Hahn in 1984. Dortch arranged a February 1985 meeting in Los Angeles with Ms Hahn's lawyer and handed over \$265,000. The money came from PTL's contractor, who later billed the ministry for work never completed on PTL's passion play amphitheatre.

Dortch said he believed Bakker when he said he hadn't assaulted Ms Hahn.

Dortch earlier said Bakker pushed the partnerships because "he needed the money."

"We had come to the point where the primary income to the ministry were the lifetime partnerships."

# Sex in church priest guilty

LOS ANGELES, Sept 15, (UPI) — A couple convicted last week on prostitution charges from the sexual rituals at their church sued the police chief and city attorney Wednesday, alleging their civil rights were violated.

Mary Ellen Tracy, who is known as Sabrina, high priestess of the church of the most high goddess, was convicted today of two counts of prostitution. She and her husband, Will, the high priest, were both convicted of operating a house of prostitution.

The Canyon Country couple said their religion requires sexual rituals of its members, who donated cash to the church.

The Tracys said an undercover police officer lied to gain admission and instruction in the church's ritual, but refused to perform a "dedication" ritual — oral sex — on Mary Ellen Tracy.

As soon as he left, eight police officers searched the church's Hollywood rectory, seized their cash and records, punched them both and called Mary Ellen "a whore," the Tracys said.

**Testifies**

A detective testified yesterday that the surviving daughter in a murder rampage wept when asked whether her father, Ramon Salcido, attacked her and told the officer: "Daddy hurt me."

David Seberholm of the Sonoma County sheriff's department told of his meeting with 3-year-old Carmina Salcido at a Petaluma Hospital when he was called by the prosecution to appear at a preliminary hearing for Salcido in municipal court.

Carmina and her two sisters were found in a rural dump with their throats slashed the day after the April 14 rampage. Her two sisters, 4-year-old Sofia and 5-year-old Teresa, were found dead at the remote site, and Carmina was in critical condition.

Seberholm said he met with the survivor after she underwent surgery and was able to talk with him. The child said, according to the detective, "Sofie (pats) cut her right here," the officer told Judge Knud L. Owen. He said she made several "passing motions" under her throat.

## US court to retry Rader

LOS ANGELES, Sept 15, (UPI) — The district attorney's office said yesterday it will retry a British citizen charged with murdering four members of a Northridge family who disappeared in 1982 and whose bodies have never been found.

A new trial date of Oct 23 was set for Harvey Rader, 47, by superior court Judge Lorna Farnell.

Rader's first trial ended in a mistrial Aug 31 when jurors deadlocked 11-1 for conviction.

Rader, a British citizen, is charged with the murders of Israeli immigrant Shlomo Salomon, his wife, Elaine, and their two children, Michelle, 15, and Mitchell, 9, who disappeared from their Northridge home Oct 12, 1982.



Gabor talks to reporters outside court yesterday. Gabor was described as an "arrogant, impudent lawbreaker" by a prosecutor. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Slapstick slap case

Gabor and cop face to face again

BEVERLY HILLS, California, Sept 15, (UPI) — Zsa Zsa Gabor and a Beverly Hills cop came face-to-face in a courtroom re-enactment of the slap heard around the world in a trial speed with foul language and accusations of arrogance and impudence.

After opening statements yesterday in Gabor's trial on charges stemming from a routine traffic stop of the glamour queen's Rolls-Royce by a strapping motorcycle officer, the two re-enacted the scene.

"I'm afraid of him," the five-foot, five-inch (1.65-m) Gabor said as she approached six-foot-four (1.93-m) officer Paul Kramer, who had been asked to put on the helmet and dark glasses he wore on the day in question.

Defense attorney William Grayson instructed Kramer to place Gabor's hand on his mustachioed face where she had slapped him. That done, she returned to the defense table, sighing with relief.

Kramer, the trial's first witness, said Gabor tried to run him down, cursed him, spat at him and slapped him — all over the minor traffic infraction of driving with expired license tags.

Characterizing Gabor as "a major problem," Kramer, a 19-year veteran said, "It's ridiculous that this has gone to the extent that it has."

Gabor, 66, is charged with battery on a police officer, disobeying a police officer, driving with an expired license, and having an open flask of bourbon in her car.

Deputy district attorney Elden Fox painted an unflattering portrait of Gabor in his opening statement.

"This is a case of arrogance, impudence, insolence, disrespect and disregard for the law by the defendant after a routine traffic stop," Fox said.

Gabor threw up her hands in exasperation over the characterization. At one point Fox complained she was making faces at him, and municipal judge Charles Rubin told her to tone down her expressions.

When his turn came, Grayson agreed with the prosecutor's assessment — up to a point.

"Yes," he said, "This is a case of arrogance and insolence, but it's of officer Kramer and his over-reaction, excessive force and abuse" in arresting Gabor June 14.

"Gabor used reasonable force (in slapping the officer), which she had every right to do," Grayson told the jury.

Grayson said Kramer had told Gabor, "I don't care if I break your f--- arms. And, I hope you do have a f--- heart attack" after Gabor complained of a health condition.

# Blast in colliery kills 10, probe on

MADISONVILLE, Kentucky, Sept 15, (AP) — Autopsies on nine of 10 miners killed in an underground methane gas explosion indicated they lived only seconds or minutes after the blast, a medical examiner said yesterday.

"The inhalation of superheated gases and inhalation of carbon monoxide in high concentrations is rapidly fatal," Dr George Nichols said at a news conference.

The fiery explosion that killed the miners Wednesday morning was the nation's worst coal mine disaster since Dec 19, 1984, when 27 miners died in a Utah mine.

Nichols said nine of the miners died of smoke inhalation and another, who survived briefly, died from carbon monoxide inhalation.

The explosion occurred about 1,000 feet (300 metres) underground in the Pyro Mining Co.'s William station mine at Wheatcroft, a rural area 35 miles (55 kilometres) northwest of Madisonville in this southeastern state.

A federal investigation team headed to the mine yesterday.

"We want to find out what happened so we can take steps to make sure it doesn't happen again," said Frank O'Gorman, a public information specialist with the US Mine Safety and Health administration.

The medical examiner said there was evidence that one of the miners had removed a self-rescuer mask from his pack, but that it hadn't been applied to his mouth or nose. Miners carry the devices on their belts to filter out poisonous carbon monoxide in emergencies.

Nichols said that use of the self-rescuer is saving the lives would depend on the concentration of carbon monoxide in the mine.

Charles Schulties, president of Pyro's parent company, Costain Coal Inc., said something may have caused a buildup of methane, an explosive gas that occurs naturally in coal seams and that mine operators are required to ventilate.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Cartel 'targets' Bush; hitmen in US

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (Reuters): A self-described former medic in Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel, testifying in Congress under heavy guard, said on Wednesday he believes the Colombian drug lords have hit men in the United States and might even try to kill the president or members of Congress.

"Some of you may be victims of (assassination) attempts," witness Diego Vialara Salinas replied when Senator Sam Nunn asked if he thought his former narcotics underworld bosses might try to kill Americans in retaliation for Colombian-American attempts to crush the drug

trade.

"Maybe the president of the United States would be a victim of the actions of drug traffickers," Vialara said.

Testifying from behind a screen at hearings of a Senate investigative committee, Vialara, who is in the US witness protection programme, conceded he was speculating on the assassination issue but asserted that the Colombian drug barons have assassins in the United States right now.

He said Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, identified by Attorney General Dick Thornburgh as a top Colombian

drug trafficker and one of a dozen sought for US extradition, had said the cartel "would have to eliminate foreigners in Colombia or here in the United States."

Vialara said Gacha had been one of his bosses in his drug cartel days and that he was "well acquainted" with him.

"I am certain there are people here in the United States that are (the Medellin Cartel's) allies," Vialara said. "They are armed. They have combat capability. They follow the orders given to them from Colombia."

He said these Medellin cartel agents are located in southern California, Atlanta,

southern Florida, along the border with Mexico and in Mexico itself.

Leaders of Colombia's cocaine-exporting underworld, whose main export market in the United States, have proclaimed "total war" against the Colombian government which has mounted a new anti-drugs crackdown with US support.

US law enforcement officials have told Congress it is not beyond the realm of possibility the Colombian drug barons might try to extend their retaliation to the United States and there was no guarantee that they could be completely thwarted.

## Anti-drug training by US begins

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (Agencies): Seven teams of US military advisers totalling fewer than 50 soldiers are in Colombia, Peru and Bolivia to provide training as part of President Bush's anti-drug strategy, the Pentagon said yesterday.

"In the counter-narcotics operations, we have three military training teams in Peru, we have two in Bolivia and two in Colombia," Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams announced, adding that each team varies from two to 12 soldiers.

Williams would not be more specific but said the number of personnel in all three cocaine-producing countries in South America totalled "fewer than 50." No US military advisers are in other nations on the continent, he said.

The advisers will remain "anywhere from two weeks to up to six months" to provide training in both the use of weapons and tactics, he said.

Under a new directive recently signed by the President, military advisers now are allowed to leave secured bases to train local police and Army forces in the countryside, where they could come under attack. However, Williams declared, the US advisers are not taking part in direct anti-drug raids.

The number of US military personnel in Colombia, Bolivia and Peru could increase in the future, according to the spokesman.

"Under the President's Andean (anti-drug) strategy, no military training teams are going to be sent to Latin America before we have a request from the host country," he said. "Decisions to deploy these teams will be made on a case-by-case basis. And finally, no military training teams are going to be sent into an area where they would face great risk."

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole of Kansas threatened yesterday to attempt to block action on all appropriations bills until settling a dispute with Senate Democrats over paying for the President's anti-drug plan.

"We are not trying to play games," Dole said. "We would rather stop the clock for all appropriations."

President Bush's anti-drug plan calls for spending \$7.3 billion next year, \$2.2 billion more than Congress had called for before the President presented his programme to fight narcotics at home and abroad.

Congressional leaders consider Bush's proposed funding level inadequate and Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called for anti-drug spending in the next budget of \$10.1 billion.

Attorneys for five men on trial on charges linked to the Medellin cocaine cartel are innocent and government witnesses are "lying to save their souls," a defence lawyer says.

A prosecutor argued in opening statements Wednesday that the conspiracy existed and created a "pipeline" of cocaine leading from Colombia to the United States.

The five are accused of conspiring with cartel leader Carlos Lehder Rivas and others to create a large-scale cocaine-smuggling ring that operated from 1974 to 1989.

Attorney Clyde Collins, representing Jack Reed, 58, called the government's case a fabrication and said Reed was not a key figure.

"Liars, beggars and thieves — that's who the government will produce to testify in this trial," Collins said. "They lied to save their souls."

On trial with Reed, 58, who was convicted with Lehder last year on one conspiracy count and sentenced to 15 years in prison, are Thomas Howard Herington, 35, Mill Valley, California; Barry Kane, 52, Hyannis, Massachusetts; and Fort Lauderdale; Donald Kenneth Lady, 41, Pomona, California; and Samuel Thomas Stewart, 53, Anaheim, California.

# Bombs damage 4 banks in Bogota

## 28 bandits arrested

BOGOTA, Sept. 15. (AP): Four bombs exploded in Bogota early today as Colombia prepared to extradite two more suspected drug traffickers to the United States.

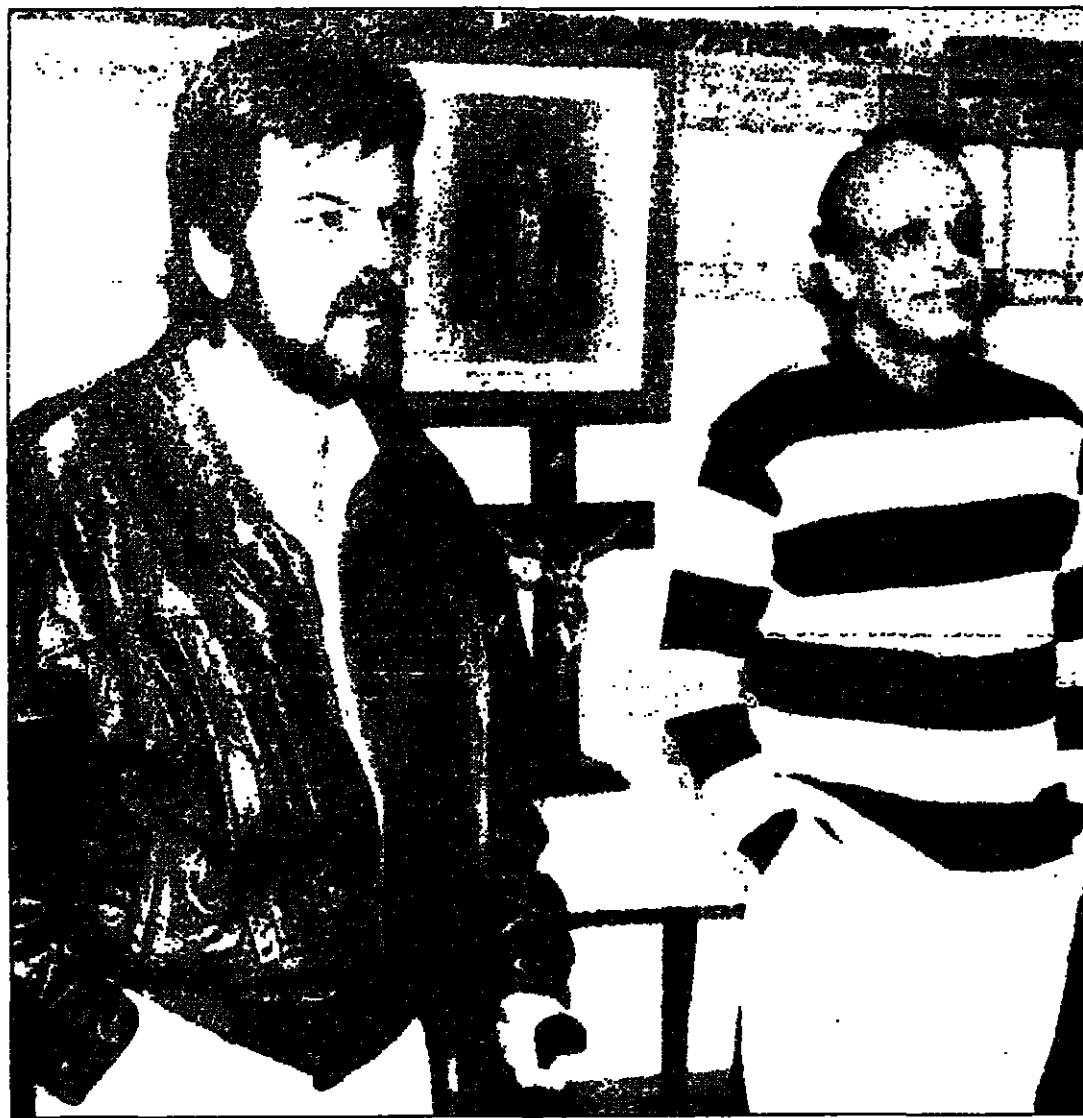
Four banks were damaged when the bombs exploded about 12:30 am (0530 GMT), a Bogota police spokesman told the Associated Press. No injuries were reported, according to the spokesman.

No one claimed responsibility for the explosions, but suspicion immediately fell on the drug kingpins, who have used bombings in

their violent response to the government's four-week-old war on the country's powerful cocaine cartels.

Until now, drug traffickers had concentrated their attacks in Medellin, a city 150 miles (241 kilometres) northwest of Bogota that is the headquarters of Colombia's biggest cocaine cartel.

In Medellin today, the 4th army brigade released a communique saying it had arrested 28 leftist guerrillas and "bandits" it accused of working for drug traffickers.



Bernerdo Pelaez (left) and Guillermo Bueno, who are both wanted on drug charges in US, have been arrested by the Colombian police. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Sidelights

**War on drug money:** A 15-nation panel of experts will meet for the first time next week to plot ways to wage war against launderers of illegal drug money, French Finance Minister Pierre Bergeyovoy said yesterday.

Bergeyovoy said experts from 15 industrialised nations will meet Monday in a group formed to improve ways of identifying money laundering channels and step up international co-operation through judicial and administrative co-ordination.

Among the nations sending financial and legal experts to the meeting are Switzerland and Luxembourg — both suspected havens for money launderers because of their strict banking secrecy laws.

**European parliament call:** The European Parliament yesterday urged the EEC's executive commission to provide funds and other aid to help Colombia in its fight against the drug trade.

Although parliamentarians did not ask for a specific sum, they said it should be "sufficient" to help the Latin American state "make good the damage which might be caused to the nation, and particularly to small farmers, trade and the balance of payments, by measures to combat the drug trade."

The 518-member assembly also called on French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, who is currently president of the EEC's Council of Ministers, to take an urgent look at political and legal measures which could be taken by the 12 EEC member states to help the Colombian government in its campaign to stamp out the drug trade.

**Court blocks release:** A US appeals court has blocked a judge's order setting \$200,000 bail for the brother-in-law of Mexico's former president after prosecutors sought time to appeal the decision.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeal granted a stay Wednesday on the order issued by US District Court Judge Robert Takasugi. The order would have resulted in freedom for Ruben Zuno Arce, 59, a Mexican businessman accused by US authorities of involvement in drug trafficking. He has been in prison since Aug. 9.

**US-Nigeria pact:** Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh and Nigeria's Justice Minister Prince Bola Ajibola signed a law-enforcement mutual and treaty Wednesday that officials said would combat drug trafficking through that African nation.

The accord provides for the production of witnesses, documents, financial records or other evidence located in one nation that is needed in the other country for a criminal investigation.

Both countries agreed to help each other locate suspects, execute searches and seize assets from criminal enterprises.

**Trial in Canada:** Security was heavy during a court hearing in Fredericton, New Brunswick, a Canadian town for two Colombians accused of drug trafficking yesterday after authorities nearby apprehended five other south Americans and a cache of weapons.

Although authorities would not say the two cases were

## Mules plenty

## Drugs in body

VIENNA, Sept. 15. (Reuters): Smuggling drugs concealed in the body is on the rise world-wide and there is no shortage of volunteers, experts at a UN conference on fighting the narcotics trade said on Wednesday.

"More and more people are trying to carry drugs into Europe and North America this way, and there is no shortage of volunteers," said Douglas Tweddle, chief investigation officer of Britain's customs and excise.

British customs made 160 seizures, mainly of heroin, with a street value of several million pounds (dollars) in the six months until June this year, compared to a total 250 cases in 1988.

Similar rises in body-smuggling had been noted in France and West Germany, Tweddle said.

So-called "body-packers" or "stuffers and swallows" wrap the drugs in a condom and gulp them down on an empty stomach. Some couriers stuff up to 200 grammes in 15-20 grammes packages.

Britain knew of several deaths caused by packages bursting in the intestine. "If they are not properly sealed, they get stuck, break down and kill you," Tweddle said.

British customs detect drugs inside the body by urine tests and low-level X-rays. Detection could lead to five years' imprisonment, Tweddle added.

He said most so-called "mules" arrived on flights from Africa. They disguise their country of origin by stopping off in a European city before flying on to Britain, he added.

"Nearly every country in Africa is being used for transit," said Kanoyo Nurala, Zambia's commissioner of drug law enforcement.

related, heavily armed police ringed the courthouse as the Colombians — Jose Ali Galindo Escobar, 36, and Fernando Jaramillo, 26 — appeared for a hearing on cocaine trafficking charges.

The two, who were arrested after crash-landing their small plane at an airstrip near Fredericton, were ordered to stand trial.

**Cocaine haul:** A Louisiana state trooper stopped a car for speeding and found 350 pounds (159 kgs) of cocaine valued at \$17 million behind panels in the trunk and under the seats, a spokesman said.

Two men, believed to be from Chile, were arrested after the stop on Wednesday. Lt. Ronnie Jones said they would be booked later.

Sgt. Jim McKenzie said the trooper was on his way to a police crime lab at the time. "He wasn't even on patrol," McKenzie said.

The army communique said the suspects belonged to the National Liberation Army, one of six guerrilla groups operating in Colombia, and had "together with narco-traffickers, carried out terrorist acts" in the Medellin area in recent weeks.

The army did not say when the suspects had been arrested, or specify the charge against them or the attacks in which their involvement was suspected.

Meanwhile, President Virgilio Barco issued a decree allowing him to put army troops on alert and send military advisers to help the mayors of Puerto Boyaca and Pacha, two cities in the Magdalena Medio area of midwestern Colombia believed to harbour drug-linked death squads and cocaine-processing labs.

Last week, Barco used special emergency powers to replace the elected mayors of those two cities with military officials, but he suspended that order amid protests that such a move was unconstitutional.

The two men scheduled for extradition, both alleged members of the Medellin cartel, were being held in a maximum security prison. The two, identified as Bernardo Pelaez Roldan and Guillermo Bueno Delgado, were displayed to reporters at the national security department yesterday.

A communique from the department said Pelaez, arrested on Wednesday outside the capital of Bogota, was wanted in the United States for "conspiracy and distribution of cocaine."

The US Justice Department said Pelaez was convicted of drug trafficking charges in the US city of Detroit five years ago and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

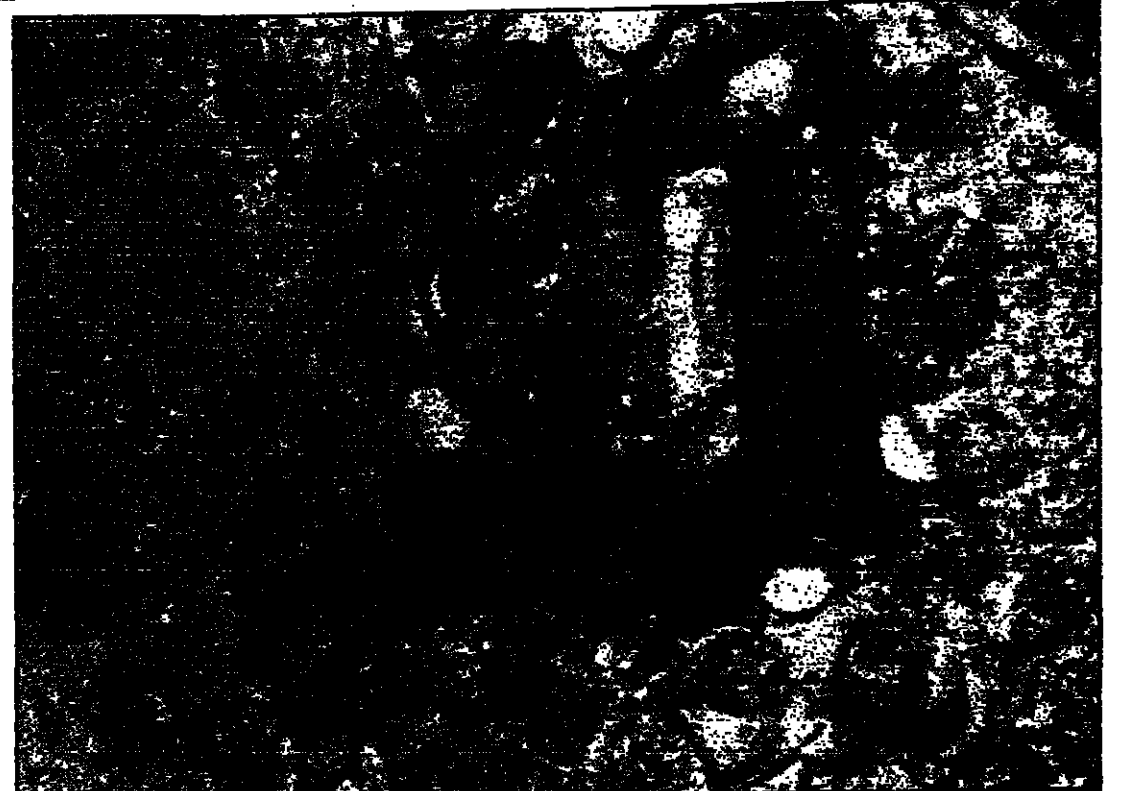
The Justice Department said Bueno Delgado was wanted on drug trafficking charges in Tallahassee, Florida, and in San Francisco was accused of smuggling 5,740 kilograms (12,654 pounds) of cocaine and of laundering — or trying to hide the source of — profit from the drug trade.

But the US Justice Department also has a list, not made public, of 82 lesser Colombian drug figures. It was unknown if Pelaez and Bueno Delgado were on that list.

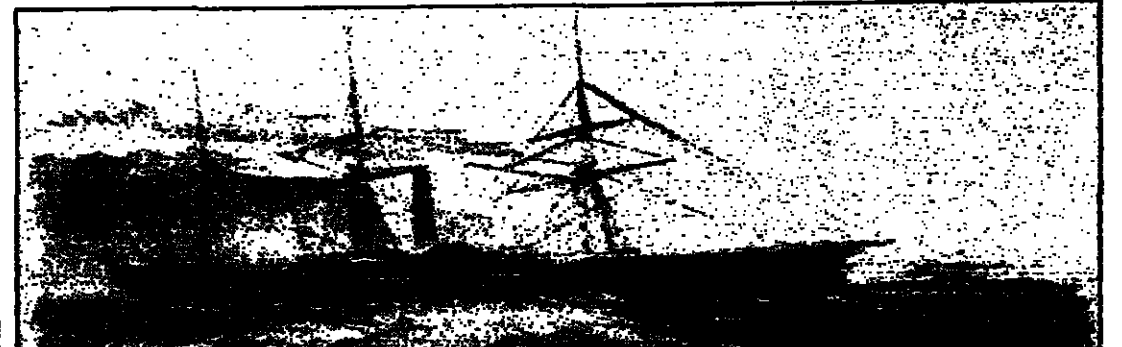
Gen. Miguel Maza Marques, in charge of Colombia's drug crackdown and chief of the security department, had described Pelaez as "much bigger" than Eduardo Martinez Romero, the alleged financier for the Medellin cartel. Martinez, flown to the United States Sept. 6, is so far the only suspected Colombian drug figure extradited under the emergency orders Barco imposed to launch his fierce drug fight.

Police stormed an outlying slum and after an intense gunbattle captured a man believed to be a drug kingpin with ties to the Medellin cartel, police said.

Colombian congressmen have expressed surprise and outrage over the government's lack of information on the activity of Israeli and British mercenaries reported to have trained hit squads linked to the drug cartels.



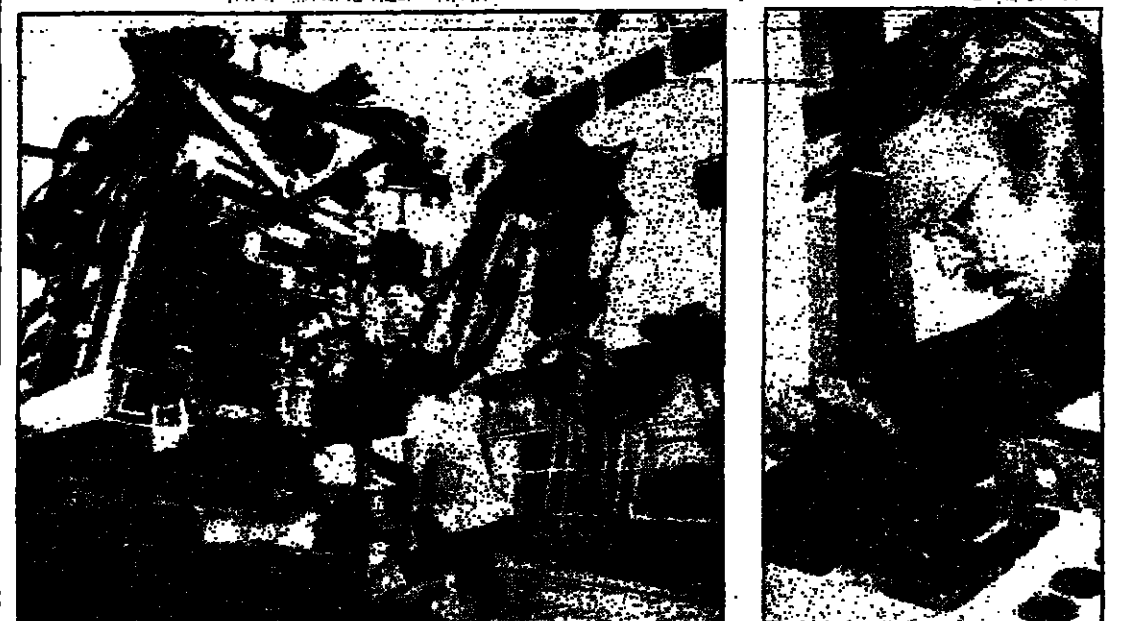
Some of the thousands of gold coins in the shipwreck of the SS Central America photographed from the robot recovery vehicle Nemo. (Reuters wirephoto)



Contemporary drawing of the US mail ship SS Central America, which sank in an 1857 hurricane off the Carolina coast with a loss of 423 lives. (Reuters wirephoto)



The RV Arctic Discoverer, a former Canadian ice breaker in the Atlantic Ocean on Sept. 12. (Reuters wirephoto)



Mechanic Bryan Anderson inspects the robot exploration vehicle Nemo on board the Arctic Discoverer on Sept. 12. The 12,000 pound remotely operated vehicle has the capacity of recovering items as large as a 1,000 pound anchor or as small as a dime. (Reuters wirephoto)

Geologist Bob Evans examines a gold bar weighing more than 62 pounds on board the Arctic Explorer on Sept. 12.

# Sunken treasure lifted

## \$1b undersea booty

CHARLESTON, South Carolina, Sept. 15. (AP): Explorers who found the wreck of a 19th-century steamboat off South Carolina two years ago have begun hauling up a trove of gold coins and bars that could be worth up to \$1 billion, a spokeswoman said yesterday.

The booty aboard the SS Central America includes fortunes made in the California gold rush, said Judy Conrad, a historian with the Columbus America Discovery Group, which is excavating the wreck.

"I never dreamed it would be like this," Thomas Thompson, a director of the Columbus America Discovery Group, said in an interview yesterday's Washington Post newspaper.

The paddlewheel steamer carrying passengers to New York from San Francisco went down on Sept. 12, 1857, in a hurricane. Of the approximately 575 people aboard, only about 150 survived.

The wreck is 200 miles (322 kms) east of Charleston, just inside US waters. The ocean is about 8,000 feet (2,440 metres) there.

The ship was carrying a regular monthly shipment of gold from the San Francisco mint to New York banks. The gold was valued at the time at \$1.2 million, based on the price of gold of about 90 cents an ounce (28 grammes) in 1857.

The value of the government shipment has been estimated at today's bullion prices — about \$360 a troy ounce (28 grammes) — at up to \$450 million.

In addition, the haul appears to include riches belonging to passengers returning east after making their fortunes in California, said Barry Schatz, another Columbus America director.

The ship was located two years ago and its bell recovered last summer, said Pamela Adkins, a spokeswoman for the group. The first artifacts, including gold bars and rare 19th century coins, were recovered last month, she said.

The expedition has been at sea since July and will remain off the coast as long as the weather holds. Ms Adkins told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from Washington. The explorers will return to the site next summer.

Among the treasures found were thousands of gold "double eagle coins" which an auction consultant valued at about \$8,000 each, Thompson said.

At such values, "it isn't out of the realm of possibility" that the overall value of the SS Central America's cargo could swell to \$1 billion, Thompson said.

Thompson, 37, a specialist in underwater mining and robotics, could receive 40 per cent of income from the cargo, the Columbus (Ohio) dispatch newspaper reported.

# Framework for Salvadoran peace talks agreed upon

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 15. (AP): Representatives for the Salvadoran government and leftist rebels have agreed on a framework for negotiations aimed at ending their decade-long war, an observer to the talks said.

The auxiliary Roman Catholic Bishop of El Salvador, Gregorio Rosa Chavez, said the two sides planned to release a 10-point document today outlining their plans to hold regular peace talks.

"I'm very content. I believe this is a very important day for all Salvadorans," the church official said.

The monsignor, speaking at a news conference, said the three main themes of the dialogue are to be

the establishment of a cease-fire incorporation of the rebels into Salvadoran political life and ending the civil war.

Rosa Chavez said the sides had reached an accord on how to prepare the meetings and on participation of the church in the talks. He said substantive themes would be discussed at the next meeting, which he believed would take place next month.

"It's clear that the two sides have reached a clear agreement that they should be attempting to reach not just a cease-fire but an end to hostilities," Rosa Chavez said.

The current round of talks began Wednesday

and were to last two days, but the two sides negotiated late into last night on a final statement.

Rosa Chavez said he had the impression the future meetings would be held monthly and that they would include international observers. He added that the talks will take place both inside and outside El Salvador.

Earlier in the day, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front rebels and the US-backed government argued about the pace of peace talks to end the war, which has taken 70,000 lives.

The sessions were the first meeting between the government and the rebels in two years.



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# Israel tops: Manila gets US aid

WASHINGTON, Sept 15, (Reuters). A US Senate panel approved a 14.4 billion foreign aid bill that would restrict military aid to El Salvador and give the administration the money it seeks for the Philippines.

The administration had sought \$200 million as the US contribution to an international aid effort for the Philippines but the House bill provided only \$160 million.

The Senate bill also provides \$160 million but allows the President to make up the difference from other aid money in the bill.

As usual much of the money in the bill goes to the Middle East. Israel gets \$1.2 billion in security-related economic aid and \$1.8 billion in military aid while Egypt gets \$815 million and \$1.3 billion in the two aid categories.

Turkey gets \$500 million and Greece \$350 million in military aid but the bill allows the administration to reduce these aid levels by the amount of unspent aid provided to each country in previous years.

Several senators said they were disturbed by the message this provision would convey to Greece, which has not spent about \$1 billion of previously supplied aid.

The bill would cap military aid to the government of El Salvador, President Alfredo Cristiani at \$85 million and provide it in three equal instalments through fiscal 1990.

The administration would have to consult with Congress before releasing the first two instalments and give key committee chairmen the right to veto the third within 15 days of notification.

The administration had asked for \$97 million. The foreign aid bill which was passed earlier by the House of Representatives did not contain the restrictions, which the administration opposes.

House and Senate versions would have to be reconciled before being sent to the president to be signed into law.

## Japanese remain wary of FSX plan

TOKYO, Sept 15, (AP). Japanese defence industry circles remain wary of possible future efforts in the United States to restrict an agreement for joint US-Japanese development of a new Japanese fighter plane, a major newspaper reported yesterday.

On Wednesday, the US Senate failed by one vote to override President George Bush's veto of legislation that would have barred Japan from transferring US technology in the project to third parties or to its own civilian aerospace industry.

The nationally circulated newspaper Mainichi Shimbun said Japanese defence industry circles welcomed the Senate outcome, saying "one barrier has been removed" to development of the 6-million-dollar jet fighter.

But they remained concerned that during joint development of the plane, the matter would be brought up as part of frictions over trade and technology transfer issues, "and a move to restrict the deal would come up again," Mainichi said.

Another major newspaper, the Sankei Shimbun, said the Senate's failure by one vote to restrict the deal means "the US wariness over the Japanese economy and technological know-how is still strong."

Under the plan, General Dynamics of the United States and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan would join in developing the FSX, an advanced version of the US F-16.

## North rejects Seoul formula

### Pyongyang calls for confederation

SEOUL, Sept 15, (AP). Communist North Korea has rejected South Korea's new unification formula calling for the creation of a commonwealth as an interim measure aimed at eventual unification, officials said today.

The Rodong Shinmun, the organ of North Korea's ruling workers' party, rejected the new South Korean formula as perpetuating the division of the peninsula, said the officials at the government's National Unification Board.

"This (proposal) is only aimed at legalising the existence of two states on the peninsula and making them live separately forever," the officials quoted the newspaper as saying.

South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo announced his unification formula on Monday.

To create a commonwealth, both Koreas should expand contacts, work for a peaceful coexistence and adopt a single constitution, under which a free election should be held to form a unified Korean state, Roh said.



Vietnamese shop

Two Vietnamese women do their shopping in this Cambodian seaport Sept 13. Cambodian businessmen fear a large decrease in business later this month when Vietnamese troops and their families are due to pullout. (Reuters wirephoto)

While rejecting Roh's proposal, the North Korean newspaper repeated Pyongyang's long-standing call to unify the peninsula under a confederation that will keep the two sides' conflicting systems intact, the officials said.

The paper also called for a withdrawal of the 43,000 US troops stationed in South Korea before the creation of a unified Korean state.

The Korean peninsula was divided in 1945 into the communist North and capitalist South. The North invaded the South in 1950, starting a three-year war that ended in an armistice. No peace treaty ever has been signed.

The United States led 16 nations that came to South Korea's aid in the war and now stations 43,000 troops in the South under a mutual defence pact.

## China begins spot checks

BEIJING, Sept 15, (AP). Security forces throughout China began making spot checks of citizens' identification cards today in another move by the government to regain control over the population.

A similar measure was instituted on Sept. 1 in Beijing, which still is under martial law in an effort to round up alleged counter-revolutionaries still at large three months after the army cracked down on the spring pro-democracy movement.

No mention was made of the "counter-revolutionaries" when authorities announced that nationwide checks would begin.

Instead, the public security ministry said, "the checking is aimed at providing convenience for citizens in their political, economic and other activities, guaranteeing their legal rights and strengthening the administration and protection of the social order."

Other measures are reported to have been implemented to clear Beijing of non-residents before the capital celebrates the 40th anniversary of communist China on Oct 1. Authorities appear concerned that students and others who joined the popular movement this spring might stage some kind of protest on national day.

Chinese say notices have gone up in some work units ordering those without papers to live permanently in Beijing to leave by today. Only those with written permission from authorities above the provincial level to do business in the capital are allowed to remain.

Hong Kong newspapers have reported restrictions on travel into Beijing, but government offices in a number of large Chinese cities denied any knowledge of such regulations.

The Beijing foreign affairs office, which handles questions from foreign reporters, also said they were not aware of any travel restrictions.

But Beijing railroad station was comparatively empty. The station, China's busiest, usually is teeming with people, with virtually every bit of open space taken up by travellers who have camped out while waiting, sometimes for several days, to buy tickets.

A fruit seller who would give only his surname, Qi, said authorities this month have been through the free market where he has a stand three or four times a week, finding those without vendor's licenses.

The identity checks have scared away some of Beijing's transient population of about 700,000 — most of them peasants from the countryside working at construction sites, selling vegetables, working as maids and doing other manual labour that city residents disdain.

China's Foreign Ministry said yesterday it will accept repatriation of all Chinese citizens who have entered Japan in recent weeks, misreading as Vietnamese "boat people."

The State Education Commission has decided to send most newly enrolled humanities graduate students to work for one year in "grassroots units" to improve their political understanding, an official report said.

Disident intellectual Su Xiaokang has arrived in Paris after fleeing China nearly two weeks ago via a secret network, sources in the community of Chinese dissidents said.

Britain said yesterday it was allowing the export of equipment for Chinese fighter planes but denied it was breaking its own embargo on arms sales to Beijing.



Feat of courage

A man dressed in an ancient costume, runs his tongue over a sharpened sword blade in a feat of courage during the monkey god festival celebrated in Hong Kong. In Chinese legend the monkey god was a hero who performed great feats. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Singapore to amend drug laws

## Death for coke

SINGAPORE, Sept 15, (AP). Singapore's drug laws will be amended to provide the death penalty for trafficking in opium, marijuana and cocaine, Home Affairs Minister Shanmugam Jayakumar said today.

Jayakumar said the changes were necessary because of the growing international drug problem.

"We have invested a tremendous amount of manpower, public money and energy in keeping our streets free of drugs. However, because of the worsening global situation in drugs, we have to be even more vigilant," he said.

"The government will soon introduce amendments to the misuse of drugs act to further tackle this problem," Jayakumar said. "This will include capital punishment for opium, cannabis and cocaine traffickers."

The proposed changes are expected to be approved by Parliament because of the ruling People's Action Party's large majority.

Under current law, a mandatory death sentence is imposed if a person is convicted of possession of more than 15 grams (0.5 ounces) of heroin or more than 30 grams (1.1 ounces) of morphine.

Jayakumar said 24 people have been executed so far under the law.

## President, stance attacked

President George Bush's administration came under attack yesterday in Congress by members who accused it of not taking a strong enough stance against the communist Khmer Rouge at the Cambodian peace conference.

The Vietnamese who invaded Cambodia in late 1978, have pledged to pull out all its forces by the end of the month. They are fighting a coalition of three major groups including the Khmer Rouge, the strongest resistance faction. (AP)

Taiwanese film wins: The Golden Lion award for best film of the Venice Film Festival was awarded today to "Beijing Chengshi" ("A City of Sadness") by Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-hsien.

The film uses the story of a father and his four children to portray the history of Taiwan after World War II, from the Japanese surrender to the arrival of the defeated nationalist Chinese from the mainland.

The film considered one of the favourites for the festival's top prize. (AP)

French priest jailed: A French priest chose 12 days in prison yesterday over paying 30,000 yen (\$205) in fines for refusing to be fingerprinted as required under Japan's alien registration law, a local prosecutor's office official said.

An official of the Yokohama district public prosecutors office, who spoke anonymously, identified the priest confined to the Yokohama prison as Debon Maxime, 47, a resident in Sagami-hara city, south of Tokyo.

The confinement of Maxime, who has been in Japan since 1974, came after he refused to pay the fine, reduced in June by an amnesty granted to minor offenders of Japanese laws, including those of the alien registration law, the official said. (AP)

A tall Chinese tale: Dutch police say they are having trouble believing a Chinese man who said he had died of a train back home and slumbered through a journey across two continents before waking up in the Netherlands.

The 29-year-old man, caught with no documents, was now in jail in the Dutch City of Leiden.

"We cannot see how someone without money or papers managed to cross China, the Soviet Union, Poland, East and West Germany to arrive in the Netherlands without either waking up or being noticed by border guards," police spokesman Dick Graveland said. (Reuters)

Police deny: Police said today that reports of headhunting in a remote state of the island of Borneo were groundless, news reports said.

Syed Othman Ali, chief of Sabah's police, told the national news agency Bernama that anyone starting such rumours would be arrested and detained indefinitely without trial under the internal security act.

Tribal headhunters have lived in Borneo for many centuries, but the practice died out early this century. (AP)

Bus explosion kills 3: Three Chinese died and at least 12 were injured in an explosion on board a public bus in the southern city of Nanning, the China News Service said in a report received in Beijing yesterday.

It quoted witnesses as saying the explosion happened on the evening of September 10 when the bus was approaching a stop near a textile factory.

They heard a huge explosion which sent glass flying and saw dozens of passengers jump out of the doors and windows, covered in blood, it said. Two passengers died on the spot and a third on his way to hospital. (Reuters)

## Burmese torture prisoners, says US

WASHINGTON, Sept 15, (AP). US officials contend they have trustworthy reports that Burma's military government routinely tortures political prisoners, and say it is questionable whether the country's election next spring will be free.

Allegations that the Burmese government uses electric shocks, cigarette burnings, beatings and other forms of torture were described at the US State Department's daily news briefing.

Those allegations were recounted later by department witnesses who told a congressional hearing that the Burmese government has killed and arrested thousands in a continuing wave of repression that began one year ago.

Congress also heard testimony about forced labour and "death marches" in Burma in which members of ethnic minorities were rounded up, put on starvation rations and used as human minesweepers for army units.

Two US house foreign affairs subcommittees unanimously approved a resolution demanding that Burma release everyone "imprisoned for the peaceful expression of their views," investigate and punish those accused of torture and uphold its commitment to free and fair elections by next May.

The legislation also urged all countries to follow the US lead in withholding foreign aid from Burma. It was sent to the full committee and sponsors said a final floor vote would be sought this month. The Senate last month passed a similar resolution, with backing from US President George Bush's administration.

Officials from the Burmese government could not immediately be reached for comment on the allegations. But government officials called similar allegations "absolutely untrue."

For Burma, "we now have credible, first-hand reports that instances of torture, beatings and mistreatment are commonplace and that deaths have resulted," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler told reporters.

She and Richard Schifter, assistant secretary of state for human rights, who testified in Congress, made similar allegations describing cigarette burnings, beatings causing severe eye and ear injuries, electrical shocks to the genitals and immersion in water during questioning.

## Taiwan's veteran opposition leader Yu murdered

TAIPEI, Sept 15, (AP). Yu Teng-Fa, a pioneer in Taiwan's political opposition movement, was murdered at his home, police reported yesterday. He was 86.

Yu, a member of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party, was found dead on Wednesday at his residence in Kaohsiung, 360 kilometres (225 miles) south of Taipei, where he lived alone. Relatives said a visitor found him on his back in a pool of blood.

Chen Yueh-Ying, Yu's daughter-in-law and Kaohsiung magistrate, told reporters he suffered a deep wound on the back of his head. The local

coroner said Yu likely was killed with a blunt object.

Police declined to speculate on whether Yu was murdered by thieves or political opponents, but Democratic Progressive Party leaders suggested he was the victim of a murder plot by a ruling Nationalist Party.

"Violence has overshadowed Taiwan as we are preparing to campaign for the December elections," DPP chairman Huang Hsin-Chieh said in a statement.

The December elections for legislative, mayoral and magisterial seats will be the first since opposition parties were legalised after martial law was

lifted in 1987.

The Nationalist Party denied the accusations and, in a statement, condemned "any individuals or groups that try to provoke disputes with sensational remarks."

Yu, a rich land and property owner, had supported his daughter-in-law and two grandchildren running in the December elections as opposition candidates. The Yu family has dominated Kaohsiung politics for the past three decades.

About 300 people marched through Taipei streets today to protest a government policy of prohibiting the return of overseas dissidents who advocate the independence of Taiwan from China

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# Soviets present a new face of KGB, denies bugging

MOSCOW, Sept. 15. (AP): "The KGB Today", a film billed as the first Soviet documentary about the feared secret police, premiered this week, depicting agents as modern professionals battling drugs, smuggling and organised crime.

The 55-minute film seeks to provide a new image of the clandestine organisation, KGB chairman Gen. Vladimir Kryuchkov said in a filmed interview after the movie presentation to reporters.

"At present we're trying to create an objective image of our organisation in the Soviet Union and abroad," Kryuchkov said.

The government news agency Novosti shot "The KGB Today" and said it hoped the film would be widely seen in the Soviet Union and abroad.

At a news conference following the premiere, KGB officers denied they routinely bug the telephones and apartments of dissidents and foreigners working in Moscow.

Pressed by one Western reporter to discuss the alleged bugging, KGB chief of investigations Col. Oleg Dobrovolsky responded:

"I don't think you're right, saying we tap telephones, that we listen to what you say over telephones. You've got to prove that first, before you ask that question," he said.

"Sometimes, if it is in the interest of state security, we may listen to telephones but that's not an established practice," Kryuchkov, who took over nearly a year

ago from Viktor Chebrikov, has granted interviews to foreign reporters in which he has expressed support for legislative oversight of the KGB.

He was the first KGB chairman to require confirmation, after hearings before the Supreme Soviet in July.

Kryuchkov has restated the KGB's willingness to co-operate with other Soviet secret services to combat drug trafficking and terrorism, which he termed the "scourge of

humanity."

The KGB chief also said his organisation has to do more to fight organised crime, which is burgeoning in the Soviet Union.

The KGB gave filmmakers Elena Kovalieva and Stanislav Belianinov access to KGB headquarters on Dzerzhinsky Square, KGB martial arts training and target practice, and to the Lefortovo prison in northeast Moscow.

The film itself devoted several minutes to

Kim Philby, the British secret service officer who spied for the KGB, and included a recreation of the capture six years ago of a US diplomat accused of spying.

The US diplomat, Vice Consul Lon David Augustenborg of the Leningrad consulate, was expelled Sept. 12, 1983.

Officials said the KGB had agreed to co-operate in a British-made film about Philby, who fled to the Soviet Union in 1963 and died in May 1988 in Moscow.

## British spying had a 5th man

LONDON, Sept. 15. (AP): A KGB contact for a British spy ring known to have four men who betrayed Western secrets to Moscow for more than three decades was aided by a fifth man, according to a report yesterday.

There has been repeated news media speculation in Britain over the years about the existence of a so-called fifth man.

The Independent newspaper reported that its correspondent in Moscow, Rupert Cornwell, interviewed the key Soviet contact of one of the ring, Kim Philby, and the controller of three other members—Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean.

Cornwell said he spoke with Yuri Modin after a news conference in Moscow Wednesday by KGB officers and attended by foreign reporters.

The news conference was held after the screening of a film called "The KGB Today" made by the Soviet government news agency Novosti and billed as the first Soviet documentary about the organisation.

Cornwell said the film identified Modin, who was an attaché at the Soviet Embassy in London in 1951, as a "KGB colleague who had worked with Kim Philby abroad."

Cornwell said: "I inquired of Mr. Modin after the press conference: 'Well then, was there really a fifth man?' 'Yes there was,' said the person better placed to know than anyone."

But Modin would not say who it was, saying only that "British counter-intelligence has been trying to work that one out without success for nearly 30 years now."

Philby became a Soviet agent in 1933. When he ran the Soviet desk of Britain's MI6 agency responsible for gathering foreign intelligence he told the Soviets who was spying on them.

He served in Washington as liaison officer with the US Central Intelligence Agency, fled to Moscow in 1963 while posing as a journalist in Beirut and died in Moscow in May 1988 at age 76.

Art historian Blunt recruited spies for Moscow in the 1930s and spied for the Soviets during World War II while working for Britain's MI5 counter-intelligence service.

Hang, Maggie call

## Killer gunman is dead

MANCHESTER, Sept. 15. (AP): Police say the man who shot and killed an unarmed policeman and wounded another at a highway service station was found dead several hours later, an apparent suicide.

The Thursday attack came after the police apparently made a routine stop at a gas station near Manchester, 164 miles (265 kms) northwest of London.

The gunman, identified as Anthony Kenneth Hughes, walked over to police inspector Raymond Codling and shot him twice at close range in the head and chest, police said. The other officer, Sgt. James Bowden, was shot in the leg, but was recovering in the hospital.

There was no immediate report on the motive for the attack.

Manchester police said the officers were checking the station because it had been used in the past as a resting place for fugitives. However, the officers had not been seeking to arrest Hughes, police said.

The British police force are proud of being unarmed, and would not want to be armed," said Chairman of Police Federation Alan Eastwood.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher called yesterday for the return of hanging after an unarmed policeman was shot dead.

"I've always voted for the restoration of capital punishment because there are some crimes that are so horrific people should know they will be treated in this way," Thatcher said in an interview with Sky Television.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



La Pasionaria serious

Dolores Ibarruri, the Spanish communist leader whose fiery speeches during the 1936-39 civil war made her a legend and won her the love and hate of millions, was hospitalised in very serious condition, a party spokesman said on Thursday.

Communist Party spokesman Juan Berge said Ibarruri, 93, was rushed to Madrid's Ramon y Cajal Hospital early on Thursday after she began experiencing serious breathing problems.

A hospital spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said Ibarruri remained in stable, but very serious condition and was being treated with antibiotics. (Reuter wirephoto)



Ortega accuses

President Daniel Ortega is accusing the Bush administration of blocking contributions from Europe and Latin America to finance next February's national elections.

"The United States is obstructing the financing... pressuring a series of countries in Latin America and Europe so they won't finance the electoral process," the Sandinista Party newspaper Barricada quoted Ortega as saying.

The Wednesday article did not say how the United States was blocking such aid, but quoted Ortega as noting that, by law, 50 per cent of any US contribution to opposition candidates must go to the National Election Council, which will run the elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Waste pile up:** Britain's nuclear power stations will have accumulated a pile of radioactive waste the size of an Egyptian pyramid by the middle of the next century, a disposal agency expert, Maurice Ginniff, said today.

The waste will have to be buried deep underground for hundreds of thousands of years to decay safely, he said.

Aid sites around the processing plants at Sellafield, Cumbria, northern England, and Dounreay nuclear power station, in Scotland, were being considered.

**Jewish groups quit:** In a bitter schism over strategy and tactics, three major American Jewish groups said yesterday they are forming their own international assembly to pursue interfaith relations with the Vatican and other Christian bodies.

One of the groups, the American Jewish Committee, said it is quitting the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Affairs, the major Jewish umbrella organisation that relates to the Vatican. The other two groups are not members of the Ijic anyway, one having dropped out two years ago. (UPI)

**Killer beaten to death:** A forensic report blamed complications stemming from a beating in the death of a man who killed a US diplomat and Grenada's police chief on June 28.

Crofton Bascombe, who turned himself in moments after he shot John Butler, political officer at the US Embassy, and police commissioner Cosmos Raymond, was found dead in his cell a short time later.

A pathologist's report at the time attributed his death to a heart attack.

## Kohl operated Heal thyself

LONDON, Sept. 15. (Kuna): British Prime Minister of State for Health Lord Trafalgar, was seriously ill in hospital today with an undiagnosed illness.

He was being treated in intensive care at the Royal Sussex county hospital, Brighton, southern England. Hospital and Department of Health officials refused to give details of his illness, or say whether the 57-year-old peer's life was in danger.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl underwent surgery today and was recovering after a successful prostate operation, government spokesman Hans Klein said.

"The operation went well," he said, adding that Kohl was feeling very well after the operation.

The 59-year-old West German leader is expected to remain in hospital for a few days.

**Talks to build alliance:** Premier Ruud Lubbers Wednesday began talks aimed at forging a centre-left alliance which would be his third Dutch government and the first to include the opposition Labour Party in seven years' time.

Lubbers said he was summoned to the Huis Ten Bosch Palace of Queen Beatrix and told to "investigate the possibility" of forming a cabinet including his Christian Democrats, labour and possibly the opposition Democrats '66 Party.

Coalition governments, nearly always including the Christian Democrats, are the rule because no party has ever won a majority in the 150-seat Dutch parliament on its own. (AP)

**Remains moved:** The last king of Montenegro, who died in exile in 1921, is to be reburied by Yugoslavia's communist authorities in the region's former capital, the Politika Ekspres daily reported yesterday.

The remains of King Nikola Petrovic and Queen Milena are to be exhumed from their tomb in the Italian Mediterranean resort of San Remo on Sept. 29.

They will be transferred to Yugoslavia and be reburied on Oct. 1 in an orthodox church at Cetinje, former capital of the kingdom of Montenegro, the daily said. (AP)

**Helsinki federation concerned:** A delegation of the International Helsinki Federation, a human rights watchdog group, has voiced concern about the state of human rights in Yugoslavia.

Speaking after a five-day visit to Yugoslavia, Carl Schwarzenberger, Austrian head of the delegation, told a news conference yesterday there was reason to believe that human rights had been violated in several cases.

He cited as cases for concern jailings of ethnic Albanians in the troubled Kosovo province after riots last March and recent arrests of members of the Serbian cultural society Zora, in the Republic of Croatia. (Reuter)

**Persecution protest:** The officially tolerated Pen Writers Organisation issued a communique today protesting what it said was persecution of Czechoslovak citizens "for their civil convictions."

The Czechoslovak branch of the International Pen Club, dormant since 1971, was restored in August in an effort by both official and banned writers.

The official news agency CTX signalled the authorities' approval of the pen club project by briefly reporting its reactivation, despite participation by officially banned writers like playwright and activist Vaclav Havel. (AP)

**Moscow responsible:** US Ambassador to Geneva Morris Abram charged yesterday that Soviet-style socialism was responsible for creating millions of refugees and said Moscow should help repair the damage.

He told reporters Moscow paid no contribution to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) while the United States alone contributed \$119 million this year, a quarter of the organisation's 1989 budget, although it bore no responsibility. (Reuter)

**Police violating law:** By denying entry to potential refugees, the Swiss frontier police have not been respecting the federal law on asylum, a Swiss daily reported today.

According to Tribune de Geneve, the frontier police of Chisao, on the Swiss-Italian border, have denied entry to a number of Lebanese and Syrian nationals in the recent past.

In Tessin and at other points in Switzerland, the Cantonal police have been expelling people without allowing them to file applications, the paper reported. (KUNA)

**Diplomatic ties with Vatican:** Prime Minister Milos Nemeth, in a letter published yesterday, wrote the Vatican asking for a resumption of full diplomatic relations after a 40-year break, and officials said ties could be restored before a Papal visit planned for 1991.

In the letter, carried by the official MTI news agency, Nemeth told Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, Vatican secretary of state, that "internal and external circumstances are ripe... for the opening of a new era." (AP)

**Sabotage suspected:** A Finnish power company called in criminal police after it drew a nuclear reactor, fearing that damaging metal powder found in the controls was planted deliberately, the head of the company said yesterday.

"There is no chance at all the powder could have got into the control rods by accident," said Magnus Von Bonsdorff, managing director of Teollisuuden Voima Oy Power company.

The stainless steel powder, found about a week ago, could damage delicate instruments at the 710-megawatt reactor at Olkiluoto, on Finland's west coast, but could not have caused a dangerous accident, he told Reuters by telephone. (Reuter)

**Voice recorder found:** A Norwegian salvage vessel has found the voice recorder and the wreckage of the plane which crashed into the sea north of Denmark, killing all 55 people on board, the head of the investigating commission said yesterday.

Jon R. Pran said the black box was found at noon (1000 GMT) near the site where the tail section of the Conair CV-580 charter plane was salvaged earlier. (AP)

## Now Romanians, Czechs escape too

Raising Iron Curtain, part of Hungary's reform

BUDAPEST, Sept. 15. (Agencies): Hungary's commitment to reform is more important than an appearance of East bloc unity, Hungary's deputy foreign minister said in interviews published today.

The drive toward reform sparked Hungary's decision to allow thousands of East Germans unfettered passage to the West through Hungary, Deputy Foreign Minister Laszlo Kovacs said.

Kovacs told the state-run MTI news agency and the newspaper Magyar Hirlap that Budapest will not sacrifice "measures held to be important by us in the light of a possible disagreement by one of our allies."

The comments referred to East Germany's dismay over Hungary's decision to let more than 13,000 East Germans emigrate to West Germany.

Combined with those who have escaped illegally across Hungary's newly opened border with Austria, the number of East Germans fleeing their rigid communist state has reached about 24,000 since May.



Yeltsin contemplates the Liberty Bell on Sept. 13. (Reuter wirephoto)



Reagan (right) meets with Yeltsin in Reagan's hospital room. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Lift trade bar

Yel suggests

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 15. (UPI): Soviet politician Mikhail Gorbachev urged the Bush administration yesterday to remove trade restrictions between the superpowers and suggested that US construction firms build 1 million apartments in the Soviet Union and sell them at a profit.

The proposals are the first two of Yeltsin's "list of 10 issues" that he has promised to reveal gradually during his tour of the United States.

These points, he said, could help Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" programme restructuring of Soviet politics and its economy.

Yeltsin, speaking through an interpreter at the Indianapolis international airport on the fifth day of his nine-day, unofficial US tour, urged the United States to grant the Soviet Union most favoured nation trade status as part of loosening the economic restrictions between the two

countries.

He also said he would like to see American businessmen build 1 million apartments in the Soviet Union, "selling them at a profit to the Soviet population."

The Soviet politician did not elaborate on these two points and would not give details of his discussions with Bush, saying it was up to the White House to reveal the substance of the meeting.

Yeltsin visited former president Ronald Reagan in his hospital room yesterday and wished him speedy recovery from brain surgery.

The two men met in Reagan's room at Saint Mary's hospital where Reagan is recovering from surgery to remove fluid from his brain. The surgical incision apparently resulted from a fall from a bucking horse July 4 during Reagan's Mexican vacation.

Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, proposed that the United States increase its food assistance to Poland to \$2.5 billion.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said yesterday he likely will tour Poland to explain what people should do to help the East bloc's first non-communist-led government.

"There is a need to talk and give arguments," Walesa said during a news conference at Solidarity headquarters in the Baltic port of Gdansk.



## Papa to face trial

ATHENS, Sept. 15. (Reuter): Former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu looks certain to stand trial on charges of involvement in a multi-million-dollar bank embezzlement scandal and illegal telephone bugging during his eight years in power.

Two parliamentary investigating committees recommended this week that Papandreu, 70, be charged. If convicted he could face 20 years in jail.

The 300-member Parliament will vote later this month on whether to lift Papandreu's immunity. "Four prosecution and set up a special tribunal court."

With Parliament controlled by a conservative-communist coalition government fiercely opposed to Papandreu, he looks certain to be the first civilian prime minister to appear before a court accused of criminal wrongdoing while in office.

A committee recommended that Papandreu and four of his top ministers stand trial over the affair of the private Bank of Crete and the disappearance of more than \$200 million.

It said Papandreu should be charged with complicity in a scheme to siphon off interest payments on state accounts at the bank, accepting bribes and receiving part of the embezzled money.

A separate committee earlier called for Papandreu to be tried over allegations of widespread telephone tapping by his socialist administration.

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**Gorbachev visit helps**  
EAST BERLIN, Sept. 15. (Reuter): Kremlin Chief Mikhail Gorbachev's planned trip to East Berlin next month will give the troubled leadership a welcome morale boost but could spark an outbreak of "Gorbachevmania," Western diplomats said today.

Stung by an exodus of their citizens to the West and thrown off balance by the absence through illness of Communist Party Chief Erich Honecker, the orthodox East German politburo said it received news of Gorbachev's visit "with thanks and joy."

East Berlin will see Gorbachev's presence at October 7 events to mark East Germany's 40th anniversary as support for its reform-resistant stance and in the refugee row with Bonn, diplomats said.

Visiting Soviet politburo member Yegor Ligachev gave the news of Gorbachev's trip yesterday and further pleased East Berlin by joining it in accusing Bonn of mounting a vicious campaign over the refugees and praising the East German system.



Demand

East German asylum seeker waves from a building of Bonn's embassy in Warsaw which is occupied by 50 people demanding free passage to West Germany. (Reuter wirephoto)



## Gorby offers Baltics authority

MOSCOW, Sept. 15. (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev met with party and state leaders from the Baltic republics on Wednesday and promised them "real sovereignty" within the union, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said today.

Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians emboldened by Gorbachev's political reforms have been pressing for autonomy some for secession from the Soviet Union. In a defiant rebuke of 50 years of Soviet rule they linked hands to form a 360-mile-long (602 km) human chain across their homelands Aug. 23.

Popular Fronts argue the republics were unlawfully annexed to the Soviet Union in 1939, and Moscow has since exploited their comparative wealth and Baltic seaport.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news briefing Gorbachev outlined the provisions underlying the Soviet leadership's approach to rising nationalism in a meeting with the heads of the presidiums of the Supreme Soviets and prime ministers of the three republics.

"First, it is necessary to pursue a course of preserving the Soviet federation and ensuring it by ensuring the real sovereignty of union republics," Gerasimov said Gorbachev told the leaders.

"Second, the party is categorically against the idea of a split in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, including on an ethnic basis."

"Third, we are for the political, economic, social and cultural equality of Soviet people in any area of our country. Any infringement of the legitimate rights of Soviet citizens is unacceptable for the Soviet leadership," Gerasimov said.

On several occasions in the past Gorbachev has warned against the dangers of breaking up the union but has indicated a willingness to allow the republics greater independence within the union.

As Gorbachev has sought to bring the neogaid republics back into line his bid for more independence has been met with where most significantly to the Ukraine, the breadbasket and industrial heart of the nation.

A special session of the Azerbaijan Supreme Soviet convened today to discuss the ethnic conflict engulfing the Armenian enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, the Tass reported.

The extraordinary session will also examine a draft law on the Trans-Caucasian republic's sovereignty and citizenship and the transition to the principles of economic independence and self-management, Tass said.

"The situation in and around Nagorno-Karabakh has never been so tense and explosive as today," Arkady Volvsky, the head of a special committee ordered by the Kremlin to administer the affairs of the autonomous region, said in a television interview last night.

Tass said that for the first time, representatives of the People's Front of Azerbaijan and other informal organisations would be allowed to attend the special session.

Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous territory with a predominantly Armenian population, is the centre of a bitter dispute between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The People's Front is demanding that Azerbaijan reassert control over Nagorno-Karabakh and that direct rule by Moscow be halted.

Volvsky, in the television interview, said Moscow was forced to assume control of the region because of the bloodshed.

"The state cannot stay aside if blood is spilled," he said.

Meanwhile the Communist Party daily Pravda today accused members of the Ukraine's new Narodni Rukh political movement of seeking to undermine Kremlin authority and take power itself in the republic.

The lengthy report that started on the front page of the authoritative daily was the most detailed comment yet in the official press on the three-day founding Congress of the Narodni Rukh that ended on Sunday.

# US, Soviets agree to disclose gas stock

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (AP) — Baring a last-minute hitch, the United States and the Soviet Union will announce next week a landmark agreement to disclose their stockpiles of chemical weapons and permit inspection of their production facilities, officials say.

The emerging accord extends the principle of verification established in a 1987 US-Soviet treaty to scrap all nuclear missiles with a range of 300 miles (482 kilometres) to 3,400 miles (5,470 kilometres).

But the United States must first gain the co-operation of West Germany, on whose territory some US chemical weapons are stored, US officials said Wednesday.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze would sign the agreement at their Sept. 22-23 meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, while making preparations for a superpower summit, the officials said.

President George Bush will see Shevardnadze in Washington on Sept. 21, White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said.

He said it was uncertain whether the Baker-Shevardnadze meeting would produce a date for a summit between Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

US officials, who disclosed the latest arms control moves on condition they not be identified, said final details first must be ironed out by experts.

They will meet here next Monday and Tuesday and try to determine exactly how much information is to be exchanged under the agreement.

The other key provision calls for short-notice inspection of each other's

stockpiles and plants. It is designed as a model for an international treaty now under negotiation by 40 nations in Geneva.

The major sticking point in completing that accord is that the United States believes the Soviet Union has more chemical weapons than it is willing to acknowledge.



## Frenchman shoots himself

A young Frenchman shot himself in the head on Thursday inside a South African embassy in Paris after demanding the release of imprisoned South African black leader Nelson Mandela, authorities said.

Manuel Leloup, described by witnesses as in his 20s, shot himself in the temple after a telephone conversation with an official at the South African embassy, authorities said.

Leloup was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, where he was reported in very serious condition.

Leloup entered the embassy at about 2.30 pm, Marie Hilde Gounneau, of the Paris state prosecutor's office, said.

"Addressing the employees, the young man immediately took out a revolver and explained that he was very concerned by the political problems of South Africa," Gounneau said.

Leloup discussed apartheid and the political situation in South Africa "in an apparently coherent fashion" with the three employees "without threatening them," Gounneau said.

The employees called the South African embassy, where an embassy official, whose name was not released, spoke to Leloup for about 10 minutes, she said.

An embassy spokesman said during the telephone conversation: Leloup demanded the release of Mandela, the leader of the outlawed African National Congress, who has been imprisoned since 1962.

Picture shows Leloup being carried away on a stretcher (Reuters wirephoto)

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## 'Soviet Union built on bones' Bodies tell of Stalin horror

MOSCOW, Sept. 15. (AP) — The remains of Stalin's victims are turning up decades after their deaths in a chilling reminder of his reign of terror.

In Kolpashova, a Siberian village on the Ob' River, excavations unearthed a stream of mummified corpses.

Near the Ural mountains city of Chelyabinsk, skulls pierced by bullet holes were found where gold was once mined.

In the Ukrainian city of Poltava, diggers at a sand quarry uncovered a series of trenches full of bones — the remains of an estimated 5,000 people.

"This is a country built on bones," says Oleg Golovanov, member of a group called Memorial Dedicated to the Memory of Josef Stalin's Victims.

The bones lay undisturbed for decades, while the Soviet government refused to acknowledge the estimated 20 million victims of Stalin's bloody years in power.

Now, they are coming back to haunt the country.

About once a month for the past year, the official press has reported the unearthing of another mass grave as the Soviet Union reveals the long-suppressed horror of its past.

On Tuesday, Soviet television carried another report, this one about the reburial of 350 skeletons found near Chelyabinsk on Bald Mountain, also known as Golden Mountain. A correspondent said innocent "men, women, old people and even children" — possibly as many as 300,000 — were loaded onto trucks and shot at night. The memorial group found the remains of 350 people at a depth of four metres (yards) in a former gold mine where authorities wanted to build a new neighbourhood. Now officials plan to turn the area into a memorial, the correspondent said.

A reburial ceremony is also planned for the remains of 540 of Stalin's victims at a garbage dump in the Ukrainian coal centre of Donetsk.

Golovanov co-ordinates efforts to track down the mass graves for memorial, the national group lobbying to clear the names of Stalin's "enemies of the people," as well as help their families and those who survived years in labour camps.

He believes there could be as many as 100,000 unmarked mass graves left as a legacy from the purges, repressions and labour camps Stalin oversaw from the late 1920s until his death in 1953.

Press coverage of the graves began last year when a killing field was found in the Kurovsky forest of Byelorussia and escalated with a similar discovery in Bykovnya in the Ukraine.

Memorial receives a steady stream of letters with information about newly revealed sites, and Golovanov said he sometimes wonders, "what is your goal in digging them up?"

He answers: to make sure people know all the evil of the Stalin years. And there is a need to restore respect to the dead.

"You're walking, and they're lying there under you, and not a single person knows about their fate," he said.

The KGB, whose predecessor the NKVD carried out much of the killing, often does not open its files to help locate graves and identify victims. KGB officials claim their archives are in such terrible shape they aren't worth examining.

Even after the grave sites are identified, some local authorities still insist on using the land for new housing, garages or other projects.

## Amin got chief justice killed

KAMPALA, Sept. 15. (Reuters) — Uganda's chief justice Benedicto Kiwanuka was murdered on the orders of dictator Idi Amin in 1972, Amin's former foreign minister told a commission inquiring into human rights abuses.

Kiwanuka was the first prime minister of Uganda's elected government from 1960 until the country achieved full independence in 1962.

Wassame Kibedi, who served as Amin's foreign minister from 1971 to 1974, told Uganda's human rights commission yesterday that Amin had been angered by Kiwanuka's repeated criticism of human rights violations by the security forces.

He said the last straw was a ruling by Kiwanuka that the armed forces should release British businessman Donald Stewart, who had been detained without charge, and that they had no right to detain anyone.

Kibedi told the commission, which is collecting evidence about human rights abuses in Uganda since independence, that "Amin had interpreted this statement as a personal insult to the authority of the armed forces, of which he was the head."

Amin demanded that Kiwanuka appear before the cabinet to explain his actions but his ministers persuaded him instead that Kibedi should contact the chief justice to make known the president's displeasure.

Kibedi, who was married to one of Amin's sisters at the time, said he telephoned Kiwanuka three times to try to fix an appointment, but the chief justice was abducted from the high court building before they could meet.

Kibedi rejected allegations by Kiwanuka's widow and Amin that he himself had been responsible for Kiwanuka's abduction and murder.

The former foreign minister now practises as a lawyer in London.

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## MX fails in test

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, California, Sept. 15. (AP) — An MX missile, making its first test as an operational weapon system, was destroyed three minutes into flight yesterday, the third failure in a new generation of US nuclear missiles since March.

The \$75 million MX was destroyed by a signal sent by western test range safety officers after telemetry indicated a problem aboard the missile a few minutes after the launch.

In March, the navy's newest and most powerful weapon, a \$23.7 million Trident 2 missile, was destroyed seconds after an undersea launch from a submarine off the Florida coast.

The first launch of the air force's midlegman missile in May ended in failure when it began tumbling 70 seconds into flight.



## Must keep it up

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# Thousands march on to infamous PS

Largest demo in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sept. 15. (AP) — Some 15,000 people chanted and waved banners in a protest march today through the heart of Johannesburg to police headquarters, where countless activists have been detained and interrogated.

Another anti-government protest involving nearly 2,000 people was held at the central square in Pretoria, the capital. Several banner-carrying demonstrators climbed on a statue of Paul Kruger, one of the political patriarchs of the Afrikaners who now control the government.

Both protests were among the largest ever staged in the two cities. They followed president-elect F.W. de Klerk's declaration this week that his government would not block peaceful protests. Until then, virtually all protest marches were prohibited.

On Wednesday, a day after de Klerk's statement, more than 20,000 people joined a protest march in Cape Town against police brutality, the largest such demonstration ever authorised by the government.

Magistrates also granted approval for the Johannesburg and Pretoria protests, even though organisers did not seek permission.

In Johannesburg, the marchers, including black youths, white professionals in business suits, nuns and prominent activists, among them Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed black nationalist Nelson Mandela. Many youths carried posters demanding Mandela's release and chanted "ANC, ANC" — the initials of Mandela's outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement.

The march ended a block from John Vorster Square, the main police station in the country's largest city. Policemen looked out from virtually every window of the 12-story building.

Six clergymen went to the entrance, and one of them — the Rev. Frank Chikane — was allowed inside to present a memorandum protesting police violence. The document also demanded an end to discriminatory and restrictive laws so negotiations could begin on ending apartheid.

Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, emerged to tell the waiting protesters: "We have proved our point."

The crowd prayed, sang the anthem of the anti-apartheid movement and dispersed. Several thousand marchers remained together to jog back to the march's starting point.

Traffic officers cordoned off side streets leading into the parade route in Johannesburg, but did not interfere as scores of black and white church leaders headed the procession down thoroughfares that normally would have been clogged with traffic.

In Pretoria and Johannesburg, the only police action reported was against white hecklers. Pretoria police led away two men shouting abuse at the protesters and Johannesburg officers warned a white man who threw eggs at the parade.

Among the Johannesburg protesters was a white man, Philip Botha, who said he was a police reservist. His sign said: "Police against police abuse."

Organisers said the march was intended to protest police violence and demand an end to discriminatory and restrictive laws.

De Klerk was elected to a five-year term Thursday by an electoral college made up mostly of white lawmakers chosen by voters in parliamentary elections last week. He will be sworn in next week. Blacks were prohibited from voting.

Clashes between police and protesters occurred before and after the parliamentary elections. Anti-apartheid activists contend police were responsible for the deaths of at least 23 people. The government originally rejected the allegations, but police now say they know of 19 deaths during election night unrest, including nine in which police may have been responsible.

Anglican Bishop Duncan Buchanan, one of the speakers at a church service preceding the march, told protesters packed into St. Mary's Cathedral: "We are sick of violence and we refuse to be pushed around by a minority of a minority who support of godless and vile ideology."

A controversial South African police officer forced white riot police to tolerate a protest rally by 3,000 school pupils in the Cape Town coloured (mixed-race) suburb of Mitchell's Plain, witnesses said.

It was the second incident involving police Lieutenant Gregory Rockman who made international news last week when he broke ranks to criticise police riot-control tactics.



Swapo President Sam Nujoma gives a message of conciliation to the people of Namibia at a press conference held late afternoon in Katutura, the black township outside Windhoek. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Nujoma mobbed, registers to vote

'Assassin' identified

WINDHOEK, Namibia, Sept. 15. (AP) — Sam Nujoma, president of the South-West Africa People's Organisation, was mobbed by supporters today when he registered to vote in the territory's pre-independence elections.

Meanwhile, police provided the identity of an Irishman arrested in connection with the assassination of Anton Lubowski, the only ranking white member of the nationalist movement that fought a 23-year war against South African rule of Namibia.

Police inspector Kierie du Rand confirmed newspaper reports that Dean Acheson, 50, was the man police arrested Wednesday after Lubowski was gunned down outside the gate of his home.

Acheson is to appear in court Monday, but du Rand said police are still investigating a motive. He said the killing "appeared very professional."

Today was the final day of registration for the November elections. More than 677,000 people have registered in the vast territory of 1.3 million people.

Nujoma, who returned Thursday to Namibia after almost 30 years in exile, voted at a post office in Katutura, the main black neighbourhood on the edge of Windhoek, the capital.

Nujoma said his decision to participate in the elections indicated his organisation was generally pleased with the independence process, which is being implemented by South Africa under United Nations supervision.

"I'm very happy with the efforts being made by the UN in assisting the Namibian people, who have been so many years oppressed in attempting to achieve their freedom," said Nujoma.

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, German police are participating in UN peace-keeping operations.

Police from East and West Germany will go to Namibia, a former German colony, to help maintain order in the territory during its transition to independence from South Africa.

A UN spokesman confirmed that it was the first such operation in which police or troops from either Germany had participated.

Many residents of Namibia still speak German and finding security personnel who speak the language was difficult, UN sources said.

## Two freed after arrest

Probe into Ward's death

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 15. (AP) — Two men were arrested but later freed for lack of evidence in the disappearance of a British woman in a southwestern Kenya game reserve last year, a police officer said today.

Superintendent Muchiri Wanjau, testifying in the inquest into the death of Julie Ward, said the arrests were prompted by the discovery that one of the men had forged the woman's signature in the visitors' register.

The two men, Gerald Karori, a police constable, and David Nchoko, a cashier, testified earlier they saw Ms Ward leave the Masai Mara game reserve in the afternoon of Sept. 6, the last time she was seen alive.

Nchoko said he had entered Ms Ward's name in the register and forged her signature after she hurriedly left.

The woman's remains were found Sept. 13, about 10 kilometres (6 miles) from her abandoned vehicle in sand river.

# Soviet Jews won't have to return home, US assures

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15. (Reuters) — US Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger assured American Jewish leaders yesterday that Soviet Jewish emigrants who could not be accommodated in the United States would not be encouraged to return to their homeland, a participant said.

Their concerns were raised when the new head of the state department's Bureau of Refugee Programmes, Jewel Lafon-

tante, addressed Congress on Wednesday on US plans to deal with the enormous influx of new emigrants resulting from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms.

"Of course they can always return to Russia and in these days of glasnost (openness) I don't know that is an impossible situation," Lafontante told a subcommittee.

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ference on Soviet Jewry said Eagleburger assured American Jewish leaders at a State Department meeting that thousands of refugees stranded in Rome would not be denied a chance to come to the United States.

"He also assured us there was no intention (in Lafontante's remarks) to suggest that Soviet Jews couldn't return to the USSR and this is not US policy," Wenick told Reuters in a telephone interview.

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# Manakh crisis won't happen again: Otaibi

## Strict control on brokerage firms

THE director general of Kuwait Stock Exchange Hisham Al Otaibi has ruled out the probability of another Manakh crisis due to the present systems at the stock market. He added that these systems are firm and well-planned which means that a new Manakh crisis is impossible. Otaibi revealed that some Gulf companies were accepted and registered

in the Kuwait Stock Market such as Sharjah Cement Company, and Arab Insurance Company. The market is also studying the acceptance of some other Gulf companies like White Cement, Gulf Cement and four other insurance companies. These companies have been asked to amend their financial positions in order to be able to enter the Kuwait

Stock Exchange, he added.

Otaibi pointed out that the administration of the stock market is expected to complete the final regulations of post-dated selling in the near future. He described Manakh crisis that appeared in 1982 as a crisis of dud cheques and not a crisis of dealing in shares. There are some safeguards currently being implemented

for procedures followed at the stock market at the present time. He added that quantity of deal shares and their prices are more important than increase of prices of shares. The stock market's administration is strictly controlling brokerage offices working in the market. Violating offices face harsh penalties, he added.

Four or five stock companies will enter the parallel market after clearing their situation. Some foreign companies have submitted their applications to register in the Kuwait Stock Market. These companies will be accepted and registered in Kuwait after showing their financial positions and meeting the required conditions, Otaibi said.

## Traffic department gears up for jams

# Secondary schools re-open today

KUWAIT, Sept 15, (Kuna): More than 220,000 intermediate and high school students head to their schools tomorrow marking the start of a new school year.

Students in the intermediate level in both public and private schools total 120,300 more than 50 per cent of which are Kuwaitis, while high schools students near 100,000, over 54,000 are non-Kuwaitis.

About 220,000 kindergarten and elementary school children began the 1989-90 school year last Monday.

The undersecretary of the Ministry of Education Abdul Rahman Al Khudari has said that the council of undersecretaries held a meeting last Thursday under the chairmanship of the Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri. The council discussed work procedures in schools that opened last Monday (primary schools and kindergartens) in light of the report submitted by the director of the five educational areas. The council also discussed preparations undertaken by schools to receive pupils of the intermediate and secondary schools as of tomorrow.

The council approved the inclusion of agricultural activity in the subjects offered by schools as from the next academic year. Agricultural activity will initially be applied at some schools on an experimental basis and if the results are successful, the concept

will be gradually introduced in other schools.

Meanwhile, Khudari headed a meeting of the same council to discuss the suggested plan for qualifying deaf pupils which is expected to be applicable as from the academic year 1990/91. Khudari pointed out that the ministry is concerned in designing professional qualifying plans and curriculums of general education at all levels on an equitable basis.

He added that a specialised committee at the ministry in formulating the suggested plan for the curriculum offered to deaf pupils took into consideration all abilities and the psychological, social and educational situations of deaf pupils.

### Unification

In a move further intended to strengthen school activities, the assistant undersecretary of the Education Ministry for Development and Planning Dr Rasheed Al Hamad has supported the unification of school curriculums in the Arab countries taking into consideration available capabilities and special potentials of each country. The officials said that there are general bases to build the unified curriculums and develop them. These bases are: belief in Allah, respecting the Islamic faith, society's philosophy and coping with the progress in the world.

He added that there are attempts to unify curriculums among



Girl students ready to go to school on time.

the Arab countries as what is being witnessed among the Arab Gulf states. The Arab Organisation for Culture, Education and Science is seeking to put a strategy for Arab education by according priority concern to the unification and development of curriculums.

Hamad stressed that text books of the Education Ministry are being revised after being written and authorities are satisfied

with the contents of these books as being suitable to the standards of pupils. He added that the ministry is working to redevelop the school's building in co-operation with the Planning Ministry, Public Works Ministry, Municipality and National Housing Authority.

Unstable weather circumstances also require special design for the school building. Administrative rooms and classrooms

should be situated in close proximity to each other Hamad said and commented that it is not always true that the Barge area of a school or campus is positive indication of a high level of education.

In a related development, the traffic department has geared up to take all required procedures to ensure the smooth flow of traffic that is expected to witness an increase with the commencement of the new academic year. Director-General of the General Traffic Administration (GTA) Brigadier Abdul Hameed Al Hajji said.

Preparations to control the increased traffic flow resulting from the start of the new school year will be identical to those executed last week when pupils of primary schools and kindergartens went to their respective schools. However, traffic police will be increased in certain areas which are expected to witness congestion, the official said.

Hajji pointed out that the GTA expects traffic jams at most roads and areas as a result of over 500,000 pupils simultaneously going to schools. Traffic personnel have been directed to exert their efforts to reduce traffic jams and facilitate the smooth flow of vehicles. Co-ordination has been clearly achieved between all patrols of the governorates and traffic signals have been programmed to facilitate traffic movement.

## Ortega praises Amir's initiative

BELGRADE, Sept 15, (Kuna): President of Nicaragua Daniel Ortega praised the initiative of HH the Amir of Kuwait on solving the world debt problem, and expressed his country's support to the just struggle of the Palestinian people.

Speaking to Kuwait News Agency here during his participation in the recent summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (Nam), Ortega emphasised the importance of boosting solidarity and co-operation between the Arab world and Latin America "because we face a common enemy and that is imperialism and Zionism."

He added that there are local and international forces in North America that tried to harm Latin-Arab relations.

Ortega strongly condemned the Israeli regional and international policy affirming that the Zionist entity has and is playing a "dirty" role in Central and Latin America.

He stressed that Nicaragua will always support the legitimate Palestinian struggle.

On the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah's initiative he said that Latin American countries highly respect and appreciate this initiative, and called on Nam and the United Nations to adopt this initiative and push creditor industrial countries to follow the "Kuwait initiative".

On the current situation in the United States and based upon interference in this region's affairs, stressing that we want sovereignty and to be free to practise self-determination without foreign intervention.

**Iraq visit**  
Meanwhile, two Iraqi officials have welcomed the visit by HH the Amir to Iraq and emphasised the importance of this visit at the present.

**Irish Charge d'Affaires**  
In Kuwait Jawdat Al Aani said: in statements to various Kuwaiti dailies, that the two leaders will tackle a wide range of issues, particularly at the dim circumstances the Arab nation is facing.

Aani said that HH Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed and President Saddam Hussein will discuss the Palestinian question, the Lebanese crisis, the Iraq-Iran peace negotiations, in addition to bilateral relations in all spheres.

He indicated that the two leaders agree that increasing Kuwaiti investments in Iraq should be considered.

The information adviser at the Iraqi embassy in Kuwait Hamed Al Mulla said that the visit will contribute to strengthening Kuwaiti-Iraqi relations, particularly in the information field.

Mulla praised the role played by the Kuwaiti press during the Iraq-Iran war.

**Causes**  
Kuwait's ambassador in Baghdad Ibrahim Al Bahouth has said that HH the Amir's visit to Iraq late this month and his talks with President Saddam Hussein under these delicate circumstances is an important opportunity to strengthen their role in backing pan-Arab causes.

## No problem: Khalifa

### Swiss drugs

THE director of drugs control and registration centre at the Public Health Ministry Dr Essa Al Khalifa has said that all Swiss drugs registered in Kuwait meet with international specifications.

Khalifa was replying to some news reports published in USA claiming that about half of the medicines produced by Swiss factories (Switzerland accounts for one-third of medical drugs produced in the world) sold to Third World countries do not meet with medical and pharmacological specifications. Reports added that some of these drugs are dangerous while others are of no medical value.

Any medicine not registered in the country of origin or adversely reported upon by the World Health Organisation (WHO) or the American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is promptly struck off the list of approved pharmaceuticals. Kuwait's Health Ministry cancelled about 400 kinds of medicine manufactured by different companies. The centre conducts an annual revision of all medicines registered in Kuwait to ensure that all medicines distributed are subjected to the highest scientific scrutiny, Khalifa said.

## Excellent response to community programmes

ENGLISH evaluation examinations for students at the Community Service and Continuous Education Programmes of Kuwait University ended on Sept 12, 1989. The examinations started last Monday at Kuwait University Commerce College in Adaliya.

A local daily met with the assistant director of the Community Service Affairs Department, Jassem Al Matar who stated that community service programmes received a very good response and that 2,000 students applied for registration, in addition to 500 old students in different programmes.

The response this semester is more than at previous semesters, which is attributed to the centre presenting a number of new programmes which include languages, and accountancy. Matar indicated that the period of registration has been extended further and he urged students to be present at the centre from Sept 30 until Oct 3, 1989 to complete their registration formalities.

In addition to the current programmes offered by the centre, several other training courses for establishments, companies and individuals are organised.

Regarding difficulties faced by the centre, he pointed out that changing classes schedules and courses held at the beginning of each semester is the biggest difficulty faced by the centre. Some students change their time schedules causing confusion to others, the official said.

## From the courts

### 28 months for forgery

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a woman to 28 months in jail on charges of forgery and falsification of documents.

The court was told that the accused had on several occasions used a forged document for obtaining a driving licence and licences for five vehicles and had also applied for government housing at the National Housing Authority (NHA).

The woman had been given Kuwaiti nationality by the naturalisation authorities in 1969, but this had been withdrawn after a period of seven months.

The defendant claimed that she was unaware that her nationality was withdrawn and thus continued using her nationality certificate as an official document to legalise her transactions.

However, the head of the nationality division at the Immigration and Nationality Department confirmed that the defendant had been officially called upon to return her nationality certificate and Kuwaiti passport. The defendant claimed that these were lost. He further testified that her nationality had been revoked by an Amiri Decree that had been officially published in the official gazette.

Additionally, the supervisor of the mobile telephone subscribers services at the Ministry of Communications told the court that the defendant had applied for a car telephone which was given based on the nationality certificate.

Further, the head of residence division at Ahmadi Immigration Department testified that the accused had obtained three visas for her maids on her certificate.

The head of the distribution department at the NHA told the court that the accused had applied in 1987 for a government house and had been allocated one based on the nationality certificate.

### Video shop owner acquitted

THE Assize Court pronounced a not guilty sentence on the owner of a video tape rental shop accused of possessing a video tape produced by a boycotted American company which contained indecent films.

The owner denied that he was aware of the video contents saying that the video tape was brought by one of the customers who requested him to record it on another VHS tape because he could not play it on his video machine at home. The acquittal decision was based on the fact that the owner of the shop did not have any video machine capable of displaying the contents of the videotape.

### VD divorce granted

THE Court of First Instance, Personal Status Department, positively responded to a request for divorce from a woman on grounds that her husband was suffering from an infectious venereal disease.

The husband rejected the judgement and appealed to the High Appeal Court claiming that he used to suffer from the disease, but was presently cured.

The court referred the husband for medical tests and the medical report confirmed that the husband was still infected. Accordingly, the judgement of the Court of First Instance was upheld.

The husband referred his case to the Court of Cassation, but his application was rejected.

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\* My son is dependent on me and I have sponsored a maid recently. While cancelling my visa, do I have to send my son and the maid out of the country? They have valid residence for two years.  
\* My wife is working on visa No. 18. Can I transfer my son's residence to my wife's residence?  
\* In case I returned to Kuwait on fresh visa applied by new sponsor, can I keep my son and the maid in Kuwait after cancelling the residence on my new visa?

Clifford Roche.

TO transfer your visa No 17 to No 18 you will have to refer to your respective ministry and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. If you do not get a transfer, you can cancel your visa No. 17 and re-enter Kuwait with visa No 18 provided by the company.

About your son and the maid they have valid residence permits so they are allowed to stay in Kuwait. However if they are not, you can change your visa and complete the formalities, you must make the required changes with the concerned authorities (Immigration Department).

You can approach that respective department and explain your case to them (about your son and the maid) whether you can sponsor them again or if your wife can sponsor them and they will give you a definite answer.

I HAVE been in Kuwait on visa No 18, since 1986. I want to work with another Kuwaiti on visa No 20 as a driver. I can get a release from my company. Can I change from visa No 18 to 20 without leaving the country? Is there any possibility to get a driving licence, and how can I apply for it? I have a Sri Lankan driving licence.

N.D. Nisari.

FIRST thing you have to do is go to the Immigration Department and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to ask about the possibility of changing your residence from visa No 18 to No. 20.

It is up to those respective authorities to refuse or agree. If they refuse, then you have to cancel your visa No 18 leave the country and re-enter with new visa provided by your Kuwaiti sponsor. About the driving licence, you have to apply to the Traffic Department in Shuaiba. They will provide you with the correct information.

My wife and I have been in Kuwait since 1986. My wife's visa expired. But my visa was not cancelled. Can I transfer my visa to my wife's visa? Or can I use the same visa for both of us?

Can the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour transfer my visa to my wife's visa? Or can I use the same visa for both of us?

YOU have to approach the Immigration Department, armed with a letter from your sponsor to transfer your residence from your old sponsor to the new one. If it is an ordinary sponsor, then any company can do it. However, if it is a company, then the company must be approved by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. The validity of the residence is linked to the validity of the passport.

MY wife and child left for India on holiday in March, 1989. Their residence is valid until Oct 1991. Due to a serious illness, my wife will not be able to enter Kuwait within six months period. What immediate steps should I take, to get an extension of time for their entry to Kuwait?

A. Kassar

YOU should apply for a permission for your wife and child to stay outside the country for more than six months provided by documents that prove that your wife is treated in the hospital. It is up to the Immigration Department to take the appropriate measures.

I AM in Kuwait with visa No. 18. I have been there for a year, and I'm planning to get married to my fiancée (Kuwaiti).

Can I marry here in Kuwait, without returning back to my country? If possible that I can marry, can I transfer my iqama to my husband from my present employer under the new law?

Ms. Jones.

THERE is no impediment to marry in Kuwait, without returning to your country. On the other hand, concerning the transfer of your residence to your husband, you can approach the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Immigration Department to consult them about your case.

I AM an employee of one of the ministries, with a salary of KD250. I also work in the evening part-time. Both salaries will count more than KD300. Can I sponsor my wife and children?

S. Damon.

GOVERNMENT employees who get less than KD450 per month and have the permission to work as part-timers in the evening which enables them to get more than KD450 are still not eligible to bring their wives and children on dependent visas simply because the part-time salary is not counted.

I BROUGHT my mother on a visit visa last month. Also my sister came with her visit visa. I want to extend my mother's visit visa. Can I extend the visa without her leaving the country? Can my sister transfer her visit visa to visa No. 18?

George Mathew.

THE law totally prohibits the extension of visit visas. New visas can be issued and the person is required to leave Kuwait at the expiry of the visit visa. Visit visas cannot be transferred to work permit while the person is still in Kuwait. She or he has to leave and can come back on the new work permit. The only exception are some rare specialisations who are needed by the country like teachers and engineers. However visit visas may not be granted to parents in case they are very old in age or if they are ill, but the Immigration Department has no restrictions in accepting applications for such people and discuss it. The above information is according to Col Ahmed Al Wohaib Director-general of the General Immigration Administration which appeared in an interview in July, 1989 in one of the dailies.

MY DAUGHTER who is studying in a boarding school in India since the beginning of this year, has a valid residence until September 1989. I do not want her to leave the iqama. What procedures are taken to avoid cancelling her iqama?

O.G. Ramazamez.

FIRST you have to apply for permission for your daughter to stay outside Kuwait. This is provided if you obtain a certificate from her school, attest it from Kuwaiti embassy in India then from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait and later apply to the concerned immigration department in any of the four governorates. If you obtained the concerned certificate you can bring her before expiry of her iqama and renew it. Then she can travel with that permission and her iqama will not be cancelled for overstaying more than six months outside Kuwait.

I AM an Indian working in the private sector. My wife who is holding visa No. 20 is expecting a child next month. What are the requirements to add the infant's name to her passport?

P. Thomas

YOUR wife has the right to give birth at any place she wants to. On the other hand, adding the child's name on her passport is the concern of your embassy. Adding a child's name to the passport does not mean the child is granted an iqama. Adding the child's name to the visa is not permissible and the child should leave the country.

I WANT to know what are the required documents to apply for a residence permit for a servant.

C.M.S.

FIRST, one should fill in the sponsorship declaration and commitment form issued by the General Immigration Department. Valid Kuwaiti good conduct certificate (Police Certificate). Health certificate (clearance from infectious diseases) issued by the Ministry of Public Health, Kuwait. A photocopy of the servant's passport. Two photographs of the applicant. A photocopy of the valid passport of the applicant.

If you have a problem of any kind and need advice drop in a line to: Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait. Or fax your questions to us on Tel. 484795.



# Plan to re-activate national economy

## Government and private sector to discuss steps

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah said yesterday that a high level meeting will be held next month between government officials and representatives of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

HH in an interview with a local daily said that discussions will deal with a report presented to HH the Amir and to him from the chamber and included its suggestions for activating national economy in the

1990's. The Crown Prince asserted to the paper the government keenness on developing the market and activating it by all means for the benefit of the country and its citizens.

The chamber has recently held a number of extensive meetings with financial and economic committees and personalities to study and evaluate Kuwait's economic situation, the paper said.

The high level meeting will be held during the second week of October. Informed sources said that the chamber delegation to the meeting will be headed by the chamber chairman, Abdul Aziz Al Sager and is expected to include a selection of private sector activists.

HH the Crown Prince and Premier received a delegation from the chamber last Ramadan and promised them that the government will take every action necessary to activate the national economy. He

asked the Chamber of Commerce to present its proposals and studies on the solutions. Soon after that, the Chamber of Commerce set up five committees, each responsible for a major economic sector in the country.

The committee completed their studies and submitted them to the chamber which co-ordinated all the five reports and submitted it to HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Amiri cable

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): HH the Amir has sent cables to presidents of Nicaragua, Guatemala and Salvador congratulating them for the respective national days of their countries.

#### Mauritius minister

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Minister of Science and Technology in Mauritius C. Malherbe arrived here today on an official five-day visit to Kuwait at the head of a commercial delegation.

During his visit, the minister will have talks with Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalifa.

The delegation accompanying Malherbe groups 12 officials.

#### Afforestation tour

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Board Chairman of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Dhaif Al Ibrahim Al Sabah yesterday morning inspected the afforestation project.

The afforestation projects which are currently being implemented by the authority under the directives of HH the Amir, aimed at encouraging plantation in Kuwait.

#### Aviation meeting

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Kuwaiti Pilots and Aircraft Engineers Society takes part in a meeting in San Francisco on shipment of dangerous materials by planes.

Conferees from various countries and different aviation institutions participate in the gathering which will discuss how best to provide flying safety.

Kuwaiti delegation includes Capt. Abdul Hamid Al Faraj, Capt. Abdul Hamid Al Obeid and pilot Walid Malallah.

#### Civil Defence HQ

THE director of the training department at the General Administration of Civil Defence Lt. Col. Mutlag Minawar has said that the Ministry of Interior will approve a project to build a premises for the administration at the 6th Ring Road. The tender of this project will be offered in April next year at an estimated cost of KD1.5 million.

The project is expected to be completed in 16 months. The premises will be used as a training school for volunteers of the civil defence. The premises will contain a gymnasium, swimming pool for diving and frogmen operations, stores, playgrounds, theatre, and lectures rooms as well as classrooms for training courses. The project was studied by a joint committee from the Ministry of Interior, Public Works Ministry and the Ministry of Communications, he said.

#### 5 years for sodomy

THE Criminal Court has ordered the imprisonment of a person charged with raping the son of his host and to be deported after serving five years in jail.

The court heard that the suspect entered Kuwait while travelling around the world on a bicycle, and that the victim's father offered a room at his house for one day.

He took advantage of the father's absence and forced himself on the 12-year-old child.

#### Soviet visit

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Chairman of the Trans-Caucasian Religious Administration in the Soviet Union, Sheikhul Islam Shukrallah Pasha Zadeh and his accompanying delegation today stopped over in Kuwait on arrival from Baghdad.

The Soviet religious leader, who proceeds later today to Damascus, was received on arrival by Undersecretary of the Ministry of Awkaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Nasser Al Hamdhan.

#### ICAO assembly

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Kuwait will take part in the general assembly meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), scheduled to convene in Montreal, Canada during September 19 to October 6.

Kuwait's delegation, led by Director-General of Civil Aviation Sheikhul Islam Shukrallah Pasha Zadeh, will leave here tomorrow for the session, held once every three years.



An artist's impression of what the souks will look like after restoration.

## New look for city souks

Revival of old Kuwaiti spirit

By Jamal Ameen

THE old souk area located at Kuwait City centre has recently enjoyed the attention of officials at all levels, particularly from HH the Amir and the Crown Prince. HH the Amir has ordered improvements and re-organisation of already existing old markets located in the city centre as soon as possible as it is considered one of Kuwait's historical features.

Sheikh Al Qatir, from Kuwait Municipality responsible for supervising the study and implementation of the Souks Area said that Kuwait Municipality has shown special interest for the markets and souks in Kuwait City due to its historical value. The study is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

He added that a study was already conducted on the area located between Al Al Salem Street, Ahmed Al Jaber Street, and Mubarak Al Kabser Street which includes the fifth commercial area, the currency exchange location, the Zal Souk and the Amir Souk.

The study suggested conducting necessary design for restoring old buildings, in addition to building shades, setting places at different locations, studying area services and utilities in full in addition to adding the old Kuwaiti spirit into the area to revive the distinguished personality of Kuwaiti souks.

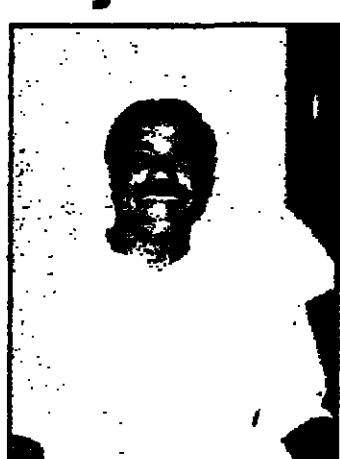
The study also focused on issues related to problem solving of traffic jams and pedestrians. On the project stages, he indicated that due to the size of the project and because it is located in Kuwait's most crowded areas, Kuwait Municipality has separated the project implementation into two stages. The first stage includes the Amir Souk, Al Mubarakiya Ground limited by Al Al Salem, Al Mubarakiya, Amman and Mubarak, Al Kabser streets.

The second stage consists of Al Zal Souk and the Currency Exchange Market limited by the extension of Amman Street the extension of Al Mubarakiya Street, Ahmed Al Jaber Street and Saud Bin Abdul Aziz Street.

Qatir stated that Al Meer Street was chosen for the first stage due to the bad condition of commercial shops. Special costs were allocated by the Municipality and an agreement was reached with the Ministry of Public Works to supervise the implementation of the project.

On the other hand, the deputy head engineer for construction projects at the Ministry of Public Works, Khalid Al Qabandi indicated that the estimated costs for the Fish and Vegetables Souk and underground car parking lots inside Kuwait City totalled KD4,750,000. The implementation period for all project works is estimated at 600 days. He said that the souk will have a total area of 13,000 square metres and an underground car parking lot of 11,000 square metres.

## Air-India exploiting Keralites, says Mani



Mani... discrimination

K.M. Mani, the chairman of Kerala Congress Party, accused Air India of discrimination against Keralites by charging more for air travel to Trivandrum, Kerala, than to any other destination in India.

He called on Air India to scale down its rates to Trivandrum adding that charges by other airlines are proportionate with the ones on other sectors.

"Air India is charging exorbitant amounts on the Trivandrum sector. This amounts to discrimination," Mani told the Arab Times.

Mani, who was until 1987 the Kerala state finance minister, came to Kuwait to inaugurate a cultural event to be held at the Indian Embassy. He also listened to the grievances from the members of the 40,000-strong Malayalee community in Kuwait. The Malayalees are seeking special facilities such as loans and business licences when they return home.

Mani refused to publicly discuss Indian politics in Kuwait but predicted that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will be back in power after the national elections which must be held before the end of January.

Although Kerala Congress, which is a state party, will support Rajiv's Congress (I) party in the election, it will fight in the parliament for the decentralisation of power and resources, Mani said. His party, he said, is a fervent supporter of federalism in India.

Kerala is now ruled by the Communist (Marxist) party.

## Control children, parents entreated

THE Ministry of Interior yesterday called upon parents of students to extend more co-operation to schools and the Interior Ministry to overcome problems caused by students. Head of the Ministry Public Relations Department, Col. Fahd Al Makhled said in a press statement that previous years witnessed a number of phenomena that threatened the educational process and caused security alarm and the Interior Ministry is trying to find the best solutions for them.

He added that a number of qualified police officers will deliver lectures at schools to highlight dangerous social problems relating to students. He stressed that problems like drugs, smoking and bad company have taken new proportions and require speedy solutions and this should come through the co-operation of all parties concerned.

#### Social issues

Col. Makhled said that the efforts of the Interior Ministry in this connection will not center on security issues alone, but will also include social issues that relate to students and minors behaviour. He stressed that if the parents as well as officials do not face such phenomena strictly, the future of these young men will be in doubt.

Meanwhile, the Public Relations Department said that minors committed over 207 criminal acts during the month of July this year. It said that these acts consisted of 49 crimes and 158 misdemeanours. The crimes were committed by 81 minors including 28 Kuwaitis, while the misdemeanours were committed by 213 minors including 108 Kuwaitis. The rest belong to various nationalities.

The department said that the criminal acts of minors included drugs offences, liquor, forgery, robberies, quarrels, traffic violations and others. It also added that the month of July witnessed a rise in juvenile delinquency cases which is attributed to schools summer vacation.

In another development, the Interior Ministry will begin today another campaign on due cheques. The awareness campaign which will be carried out through the second half of this month, will highlight the social and legal aspects of due cheques. The department will issue a number of statistics to show the extent of this social problem. It will also concentrate on the adverse effects of due cheques on the local economy.

## Kuwait urges ME to act

(Continued from Page 1)

country.

He told the magazine that the visit comes in response to an official invitation after Mitterrand's visit to Kuwait.

He noted that the Amir has made a stop-over in Paris last year when he travelled to New York to deliver a speech at the United Nations during which Mitterrand renewed his invitation.

Answering a question on why His Highness was yet to visit Britain despite an earlier invitation Sheikh Sabah said the Amir has several invitations to which he did not respond yet, and he left open the possibility of a visit to Britain, and said "personal relations between the two men (the Amir and Mitterrand) was a main factor" in choosing France for the European visit.

In an answer to another question whether the talks would deal with conditions of three million Muslim immigrants in France, the deputy premier and foreign minister said Muslims in France are not complaining of their conditions and the issue would not be on the agenda.

Speaking about the Lebanese crisis, Sheikh Sabah recalled that as a head of the Arab six-man committee on Lebanon he had agreed with the Lebanese parties of the nationalist movement on two points, first the ceasefire and then lifting of sieges and this agreement had been acceptable to all quarters and then preparations for deploying observers were under way.

He said: "I don't know what had changed the position of the nationalist movement and its leadership. Then the incidents and confrontations started to widen to reach a size that had not been witnessed in 15 years."

He added: "When we realised what is going on we called for a summit conference and I presented a report which comprises the draft of the reforms needed, then

I proposed that the committee be upgraded to the level of heads of state," because leaders can do what the ministers cannot. Then the tripartite committee was formed and worked for finding suitable solutions."

Sheikh Sabah hailed the effort exerted by the tripartite committee but he noted that "the committee has again found the door closed" and decided to freeze its activities before calls from different sides, including from Kuwait, led to the resumption of the committee efforts.

In answering another question if the tripartite committee has adopted the reform draft prepared by the six-man committee as well as its remarks on the quarters which obstruct reaching a settlement, Sheikh Sabah said the tripartite committee "has in fact adopted 98 per cent of the draft prepared by us and adopted our remarks."

On the French role in Lebanon, Sheikh Sabah said: "I don't want here to criticise France. France's position concerning Lebanon is different from that of any other Western country. But I have a note which is that arms do not solve problems. It is the dialogue alone that solves problems."

He added that sending French naval units near the Lebanese coasts could worsen the situation.

He also said: "I am satisfied today because the French have pulled out some of their naval units and I am also satisfied for the statements made by French officials, topped by President Mitterrand which indicated that France is not going to battle but to extend assistance and relief aid. I hope that the French role would be supportive of that of the tripartite committee."

Sheikh Sabah said the closure of the American embassy in Beirut was apparently prompted by the anti-American demonstrations in East Beirut. He also cited threats by Lebanon

Army commander Michel Aoun of hostage-taking of Americans.

Aoun might have made the remark accidentally, but states treat such remarks seriously, Sheikh Sabah said and noted that shells had crashed in the perimeter of the US embassy, a development which he said was possibly another motive for the Americans to withdraw.

But Sheikh Sabah said he was satisfied about recent US statements that Washington was considering sending its ambassador back to Beirut.

On whether the Americans were looking for an excuse to leave Beirut, Sheikh Sabah said: "Before we criticise the Americans we should criticise ourselves first because we Arabs have no embassies in Beirut."

The senior Kuwaiti official said it would be up to the Arab League tripartite committee on Lebanon to call an emergency Arab summit.

He said the committee which resumed its efforts yesterday six weeks after it announced the failure of its mission stands now a better opportunity of success. He pointed out that Damascus was the side that requested the revival of the committee's mission.

Sheikh Sabah replied affirmatively when asked if the strife in Lebanon was having adverse impact on the Gulf region, and said Lebanon is a key part of the Arab world "and it's natural that we are interested in its security."

On what the US wants in Lebanon, he said the Americans, whether through Tehran or Damascus, are mainly seeking the release of their hostages, an issue which he said has a special impact on the US decision-making.

Sheikh Sabah expressed hope that the European Economic Community would be more actively involved in efforts to bring about peace in Lebanon and help resolve the Middle East crisis.

### Shipping charges

## 38 pc Arab foreign debt

THE director general of Arab Academy for Marine Shipping Abdul Wahab Mohammed Al Diwani was quoted as saying that some Arab countries have incurred about \$38 billion as shipping charges during the period 1983 to 1986.

In an interview with a local daily, the official who declined to name these countries said that collectively Arab countries had paid about \$50 billion during the same period. Further more, the relative statistics and figures confirmed that about 38 per cent of Arab foreign debts were shipping charges, the official was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, the Director of the Sharjah based academy said that Arab countries were paying in the form of salaries to foreign staff working in the Arab marine navigation about \$500 million per annum. These figures have been confirmed recently by the London based Lloyds Corporation.

Replying to a question over the Arab merchant fleet, the official said, that up to 1988 all Arab countries accounted for 379 merchant ships. On an individual basis these are: 89 for Egypt, 75 Algeria, 41 Iraq, 34 Kuwait, 29 Libya, 28 Morocco, 21 Tunisia, 17 UAE, Saudi Arabia 15, Qatar 10, Sudan 10, Syria 5, Jordan 2, South Yemen 2 and Somalia one. Bahrain, Djibouti, North Yemen, Oman and Mauritania were not contributors.

Ownership of 304 Arab ships belong to 20 major companies while the remaining amounting to 79 belong to individual and small companies, respectively.

Meanwhile United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) studies pointed out that the Arab need of cereals up to 1998 will amount to 50 million tons, 90 per cent of which will be imported. This takes on added significance when viewed from the stipulation that, the exporting countries are

committed by UNCTAD resolutions which state that 40 per cent of exported materials should be carried on board importing countries ships, 40 per cent on board of the exporting countries ship and 20 per cent on board other ships. He clarified in the absence of the exporting countries commitment to such resolutions, all required cereal consignments will be shipped on board exporting countries ships. Consequently, this scenario will eventually contribute to the persistence of the Arab countries dependence on such countries and will obviously increased Arab indebtedness.

On the role of the Arab Academy and obstacles facing it, the director general said that the academy is playing a major role towards preparing of the Arab marine cadre to enable Arab countries to effectively operate their merchant fleet at an enhanced capacity level in a move intended to save about \$500 millions which the Arab countries pay to foreign crews that work Arab merchant fleets.

He clarified that about 1415 members had graduated from the Arab academy since 1980 including marine engineers and officers.

Studies in the academy have been developed since 1982 to keep in line with international academics. Speaking of the obstacles facing the academy, the official said that the most important problem is represented in the repeated reduction in the academy's budget, clarifying that the academy's budget had amounted recently to \$3.1 million compared to \$5.5 millions in 1984. Such drastic drops in the academy's budget have significantly affected its activities.

Additionally, some Arab countries, have accumulated debts totalling \$12 million. He disclosed that construction of a permanent headquarters for the academy is still the main outstanding problem.

### Treated US apples

## UAE to re-open issue

ABU DHABI, Sept. 13, (GNA): The UAE health authorities have decided to re-open discussion of American red apple products and other fruits treated chemically with preservatives that are said to assist cancerous formations according to recent American studies.

According to 'Al-Itihad' daily the UAE health authorities will reportedly take a firm decision regarding this subject following reports from the USA that the US Environmental Protection Agency had issued a decision banning the use and sales of all fruits treated with the same chemicals.

The issue was raised six months ago when the US Environmental Protection Agency circulated news saying that the preservatives used in the treatment of apples and other fruits would penetrate the outer layer of the fruit straight to the pulp and was believed to be conducive to cancerous formations, despite the commercial advantages which it endowed to the treated fruits.

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THINK wrongly, if you please, but in all cases think for yourself — Gotthold Lessing, German dramatist - critic (1729-1781).



Helmut Kohl: low popularity

## Prosperity fails to boost Kohl's appeal

THE West German economy is booming. Bonn's relations with both East and West are secure and promising. Unemployment is declining and living standards are climbing ever higher.

So why, one might ask, is Chancellor Helmut Kohl in so much political trouble?

"It's like what happened to Winston Churchill after the war," observed Volker Ruche, the new manager of Kohl's conservative Christian Democratic Union. "People thought they didn't need him after victory. We have won economic stability, and now people feel they don't need us."

West Germany is the world's top exporting nation and its gross national product is the envy of most developed nations, yet voters are showing broad dissatisfaction with the government that has been in power for the past seven years.

Kohl's popularity among the electorate is at an all-time low, and his party enjoys neither majority support nor a secure alliance with its two coalition partners — the right-wing Christian Social Union and the centrist Free Democratic Party.

The chancellor's standing has been on the skids for two years, suffering from public resistance to reforms of the federal tax and social security systems that have shifted some new costs to corporations and consumers.

A cabinet shakeup in April in which the defence minister was fired and seven other top officials swapped portfolios was seen as Kohl's act of desperation to win back votes. The new finance minister's first official action was to repeal a widely criticised withholding tax on capital gains.

The 59-year-old chancellor emerged from his own party's national convention, which wound up on Wednesday in Bremen, lacking even unified backing in the campaign for national elections in December 1990.

Running unopposed for the CDU chairmanship and the party's nomination as chancellor, Kohl drew only 77 per cent "yes" votes from the delegates, reflecting their discord over recent party election setbacks and a squabble over who should manage CDU affairs.

Public opinion polls currently project that Kohl's party would draw about 38 per cent of the national vote if the elections were held today, and that the opposition Social Democrats would get about the same share.

Kohl's tumble in popularity comes during what economists consider the second wave of the "wirtschaftswunder," the economic miracle that lifted post-war Germany from smoldering ruins.

With few financial worries and one of the world's cushiest social security nets, West Germans devote themselves to politics of the affluent: environmental protection, family support and aiding the thousands of ethnic Germans from Eastern Europe streaming into the West.

Those issues have been elevated to major confrontations between liberals who favour a broader sharing of the national prosperity and conservatives who feel others are too easily allowed to dip their hands into the federal till.

In the wake of criticism that conservatives are sometimes reluctant to assimilate refugees into the thriving society, the CDU allowed the issue to dominate its three-day convention. There were rousing speeches about the need to show Christian charity and resolutions promising CDU support for setting the newcomers.

Ruche, the new CDU manager, said Kohl's government is not getting the credit it deserves for good policies and economic health. "But we can't just complain about the ingratitude and the unfairness of it," Ruche told the Associated Press. "We have to show people that they need us to keep the successes going."

Despite Kohl's negative poll results and a widespread perception that he is politically inept, no one is saying Kohl can't win a third term as chancellor.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1673 — Holy Roman Emperor Leopold I declares war against France.
- 1744 — Prussia's King Frederick II takes Prague but, deserted by the French, he is driven back into Saxony.
- 1913 — Japan sends flotilla to Yangtze River on China's failure to honour reparations agreement.
- 1929 — Peace is signed between Bolivia and Paraguay.
- 1940 — Italian forces reach Sidi Barrani, Cyrenaica, in North Africa.
- 1945 — Japan surrenders Hong Kong at the end of World War II.
- 1955 — Uprising in Cordoba under General Eduardo Lonardi spreads throughout Argentina.
- 1957 — Coup in Thailand places Pote Sarasin, new secretary-general of Saeo, as premier.
- 1963 — Malaysia, North Borneo, Sarawak and Singapore form federation of Malaysia.
- 1967 — UN Secretary-General U Thant calls on United States to halt bombing of North Vietnam.
- 1976 — US Episcopal Church approves ordination of women to be priests and bishops.
- 1978 — Nicaragua's National Guard says it has retaken Leon, nation's second largest city, from guerrillas.
- 1979 — Afghanistan's President Noor Mohammed Tarakai is overthrown in coup headed by hard-line communist Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin.
- 1987 — UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar briefs Security Council on his four days of peace talks with Iraqi and Iranian leaders.
- 1988 — Iran's leaders bolster links with rest of world as nation moves slowly toward ending war with Iraq.

# Cracks in Warsaw Pact

### Hungary abandons its allies

CRACKS are opening in the Warsaw Pact as Hungary's communist leadership abandons agreements with its military allies in the East in pursuit of new friends and business ties in the West.

East Germany is the latest to join the chorus of hard-line East European critics of the reformist Hungarians, its ire provoked by Budapest's decision to open a westward gate for thousands of politically and economically frustrated East German refugees.

State-controlled East German media have charged that Hungary was paid by West Germany, and the East Berlin Foreign Ministry filed a formal protest Tuesday saying Hungary had broken its word by opening the frontier.

Hungary, along with Poland, is in the front rank of reform in the Soviet bloc, far eclipsing Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's more modest campaigns.

Where the Soviets have adjusted their communist-dominated system to introduce a measure of democracy and personal freedom, Hungary's communist leadership has pledged to allow free elections by next June that could end the party's 43-year hold on power.

While the Soviets favour reducing central control on industries, sentiment in Hungary has swung to scrapping all state interference in the economy in favour of market forces.

Gorbachev has repeatedly said the Soviet Union should learn from Hungary's entrepreneurial successes in agriculture and manufacturing as well as innovative practices by other Moscow allies.

On Tuesday, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Gennady Gerasimov, indicated Kremlin reservations about Budapest's role in the refugee exodus when he described the action as "unusual." But Moscow has shown no inclination to get directly involved in the dispute.

Hungarian officials have been candid about the risks of the country's shift.

"There is a danger of Hungary becoming isolated in Eastern Europe as some of the things Hungary is doing irritate our neighbours and allies," Foreign Minister Gyula Horn told Hungarian Radio on Aug 29. "Altering our approach, however, would mean curtailing our freedom of action."

An unprecedented plan announced Sept 8 to co-operate with neutral Austria and non-aligned Yugoslavia in setting up demilitarised zones along common borders is perhaps the clearest sign of Hungary's cautious move away from the Warsaw Pact.

Hungary's aspirations extend even farther westward, with leaders knocking on the doors of the 12-nation European Economic Community.

Hungary already has privileges with the lucrative Common Market unique within the Soviet bloc, and Hungarian leaders used the East German refugee standoff to press their case with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl for a political voice in the community.

West Germany did not go public with a promise to support those Hungarian wishes. But Kohl subsequently said his country will give full backing to Hungary's economic reforms, and expectations are that West German gratitude over the East German exodus will translate into generous financial aid.

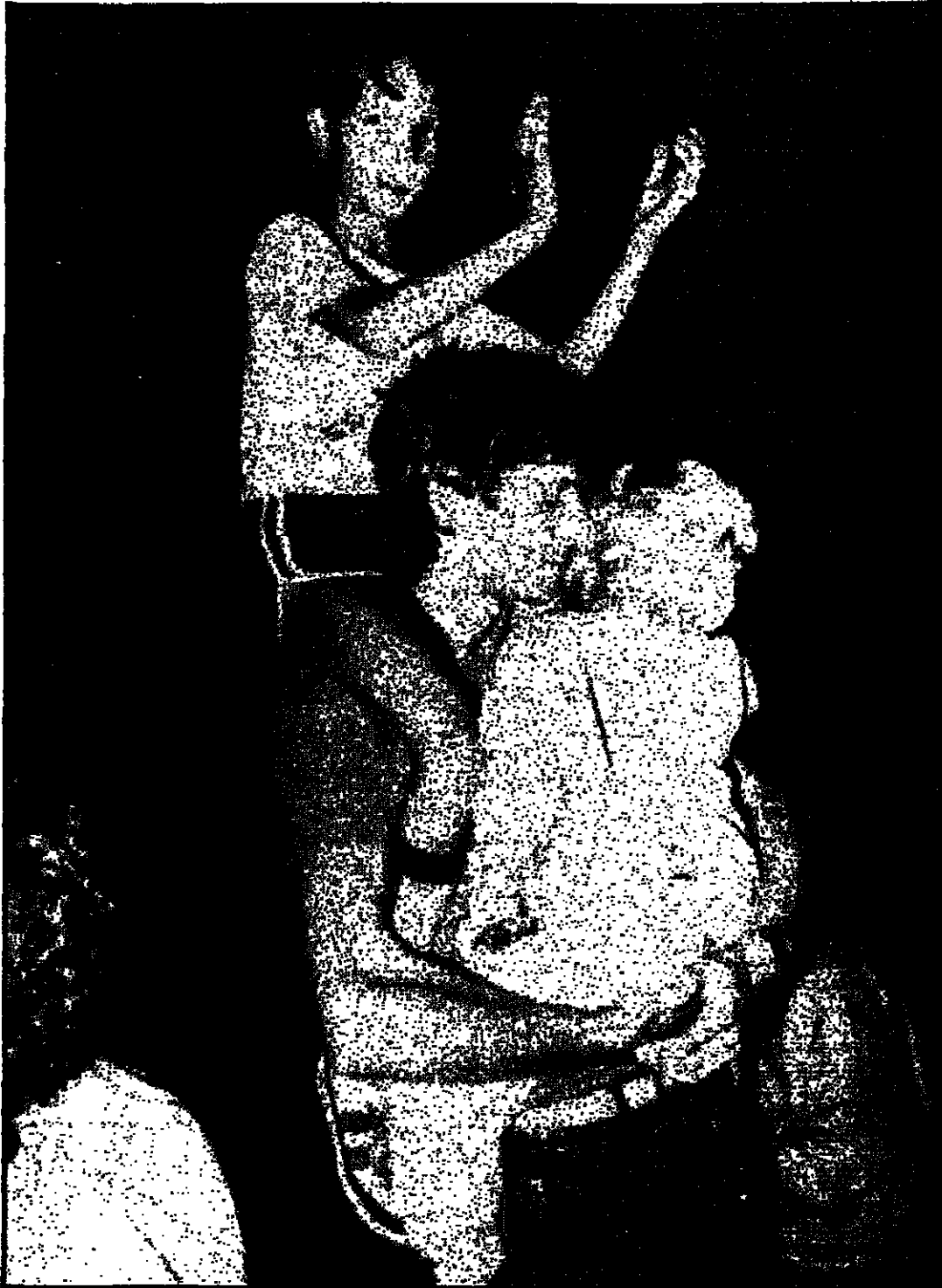
US President George Bush's praise for reforms during a July visit also has been well received here, as well as congressional extension to Hungary of most favoured nation trading status for three years, instead of the customary one year.

Hungary's leaders say they have Soviet blessings for the increasing independence that is moving them closer to the West, but the reforms are breaking Budapest away from some other traditional allies.

Relations are worst with Bucharest because of disputes over the fate of 1.7 million ethnic Hungarians in Romania. Hungary says they are being systematically persecuted, an accusation Romania denies.

Tensions exploded after Hungary broke an agreement two years ago committing it to return all those fleeing Romania's Stalinist system. Since then, more than 20,000 Romanians — mostly ethnic Hungarians — have found sanctuary in Hungary.

Relations hit bottom in July, after Horn expressed



A father embraces one son while a second rides on his shoulders after arriving in West Germany from Hungary last week. (Reuter wirephoto)

sed anxiety that the war of words could escalate to violence.

He told reporters without being more specific that Romania's state media had carried "certain kinds of military threats" against his country.

Horn, referring to Romania's boast in April that it could build nuclear missiles, expressed fears that Hungary could be a target of such weapons one day.

The Hungarian Defence Ministry gave up all pretence of "fraternal" ties with the Romanian military Sept 7, announcing that Romania's deputy defence minister would not visit as planned.

Tensions of a different kind have been building on Hungary's northern border with Czechoslovakia.

Because of budgetary and environmental pressures, Hungary abruptly stopped work in May on a joint Danube River dam project agreed to in 1977, enraging Czechoslovak partners.

A high-level meeting Sept 9 ended without agreement on what to do. While the Czechoslovaks accused Hungary of breaking their word, the Hungarians said the Czechoslovaks were planning to "violate international law" by unilaterally diverting

a river that forms part of the two countries' common boundary.

Growing bitterness over the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros dam project has been exacerbated by political differences.

The Hungarian communist leadership also used the Aug 21 anniversary of the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia to denounce the action that crushed the reform movement known as the Prague Spring, as did the Polish parliament.

Earlier this year, Czechoslovakia denounced a Hungarian TV interview with Alexander Dubcek, who spoke candidly about his "Prague Spring" reforms that were crushed by the Warsaw Pact invasion in 1968.

Control of the Polish government has been passed over to a cabinet led by the Solidarity trade union movement, the first non-communist-led government in Eastern Europe in more than 40 years.

The galloping pace of reform in Hungary and Poland has distanced those two states from the rest of the bloc and incumbered the most reform-resistant states, like East Germany and Romania, with new pressures to change.

## Nujoma 'heading' for presidency

SWAPO President Sam Nujoma, who returned home on Thursday, roamed foreign capitals ceaselessly during three decades of political exile to convince the world that he was the true voice of an independent Namibia.

The leftist policies of the South West Africa People's Organisation (Swapo) which waged a 23-year bush war against Pretoria's rule of this vast desert territory, made him a regular at the Kremlin and in Nordic capitals.

These influential friends made the bearded, burly Nujoma one of the most prominent leaders among southern Africa's bewildering collection of anti-government movements.

With his dream of Namibian independence set to become reality under a UN peace plan, Nujoma, 60, is the most likely candidate to become the country's first president when the South Africans pull out in 1990.

His absence since fleeing into exile in 1960 has raised his stature to mythical hero among Swapo supporters, but disaffected members of the guerrilla movement tell a different story.

Former lieutenant and guerrilla Andreas Shipanga, now one of his most outspoken opponents, wrote in a recent book: "From 1974, (Swapo) commanders were travelling more than 300 miles (500 km) from the front ... to complain of neglect by

Nujoma."

Former guerrillas also say Swapo imprisoned and tortured hundreds of their own supporters on suspicion of being leaders.

Shaffishuna Samuel Nujoma was born on May 12, 1929, in a village in the remote farming district of Ovamboland near the Angolan border.

His political awareness grew in the late 1950s when he joined other Ovambos in a Cape Town barber's shop to organise resistance against South Africa's apartheid labour laws.

In 1957 they formed the Ovamboland People's Congress to fight the inequities of a contract labour system which forced blacks to move hundreds of miles (km) to work for a white master for months at a time under draconian conditions.

He was fired that year from his job as a steward on South African railways because of his budding interest in politics and the Namibian nationalist cause, and he returned to Windhoek.

There he became a leading opponent of plans to evacuate all blacks from their homes into the sprawling Katutura township, well away from Windhoek's white residential areas.

The resistance campaign, including a boycott of municipal services, led to a bloody clash between blacks and police in December 1959 in which 13

blacks were killed.

Nujoma was arrested after the battle but fled the country in February 1960 after being released on bail.

It was the start of nearly three decades in exile, mostly in Ghana, Zambia and Tanzania, but more recently as a frequent visitor to the Soviet Union, Scandinavia and other centres where he could find political and financial support.

Shortly after Nujoma fled Namibia, Swapo was founded as a non-violent anti-South African pressure group and he was declared president, a post he has held ever since.

Swapo changed tack in 1966, launching a bush war after South Africa defied the United Nations and refused to relinquish the mandate to rule Namibia that was granted during World War One.

Nujoma flew to Windhoek in a bid to test the legitimacy of South Africa's claim over the former German colony, but he was deported after being held for a day at the airport.

Despite backing the military campaign, which has cost thousands of lives, Nujoma continued diplomatic efforts to solve the impasse.

His greatest diplomatic triumph was when Swapo gained UN observer status and was declared "the sole and authentic representative of the Namibian people."

## Letters to the editor

### Goans need a committee

SIR: This refers to the various comments made in the newspapers regarding forming a common association for the Goans in Kuwait.

Whereas the proposal is good and the idea not new, yet care has to be taken to prevent forming one more Goan association as enough Goan clubs/associations exist now.

Instead, efforts should be made by all concerned to form a Goan committee with representatives of the present clubs and associations in Kuwait plus some individual members who have played positive role in Kuwait in community affairs which is recognised by the Goans.

Let the present clubs/associations carry on with their social/cultural activities.

This Goan committee should be a sort of an umbrella organisation for the Goan community here and it should delimit itself with matters of welfare

work. It is worth mentioning here that in the past the community backed the Kuwait Goans Association in their efforts to secure the Kuwaiti/Goa flight. Subsequently, Goans got a warehouse facility for which extensive and persistent efforts were made.

The need of the hour now is to get the government of India to set up a terminal and mode of shipment to ferry "containerized" personal baggage to Goa, which goes in large volume to Bombay now. Goans have experienced difficulties in getting such baggage cleared at Bombay and then transporting same via Ghats to Goa with certain risks which Goans are aware of.

Also, presently the Embassy of India does not endorse the Indian passports with the stamp "Protector of emigrants clearance not required" unless the said passport holder has completed three years service/residence in Kuwait. This has created a lot of problems to some of our Goans — and few cases have been referred to New Delhi.

Furthermore, presently unaccompanied baggage

— cargo — to Goa is air-lifted at 310 fils per kilo which is high in comparison to same being shipped to Trivandrum. Here representation has been made to Air-India Kuwait to study the tariff and lower the same and in some cases Air-India officials in Kuwait have gone out of their way to assist Goa passengers regarding their baggage problems. Issues like these should be taken up by the said Goan committee.

Perhaps, Goans will be happy to know that presently steps are being taken to institute an Enari Goa Forum in Panjim as a semi-commercial service organisation to assist NRIs in matters relating to customs/cargo/investments, etc. This has been suggested by concerned officials, as recent steps to present the Indian government with a memorandum to amend the present customs/baggage rules concerning personal baggage did not bear fruit as some community associations' representatives did not full-heartedly back such proposals here in Kuwait.

Vincent de Souza, Safat.

### Commonwealth job

## Corridor diplomacy

IT'S a job that will never be advertised in a "situations vacant" column.

Starting date, July 1, 1990, unlimited international travel, applicants must have friends in very high places.

In fact, the race to be the next secretary-general of the Commonwealth, the 48-nation group founded on Britain's former empire, is a straight contest between two men.

They are: Nigerian chief Emeke Anyaoku, a former diplomat and present deputy secretary-general, and former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, a millionaire farmer with a long record as a tough and wily politician.

There is no open vote, there are no campaign speeches. Just a subtle and secretive search for agreement through corridor diplomacy.

In a body proud of its long tradition of consensus, the quiet, unassuming Nigerian has emerged as favourite to be declared the winner at next month's Commonwealth summit in Malaysia.

It is the first time in the Commonwealth's history that there has been a battle for the post, held for the past 14 years by Guyana's former foreign and justice minister, Sir Shridath "Sonny" Ramphal.

Ramphal will be leaving the job when his third five-year term expires in the middle of next year.

Fraser, 59, made clear more than 18 months ago that he wanted to succeed him.

Nigeria, which proposed 56-year-old Anyaoku for the post in April, lobbied hard for his candidacy at this month's Non-Aligned Movement summit in Belgrade, which was attended by most members of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth diplomats in London said the Belgrade lobbying appeared to have paid off, adding that unofficial soundings put support for Anyaoku at 35 countries, including all of Africa's Commonwealth members.

Fraser's support comes from the Pacific region and some of the Caribbean and Asian nations.

Present Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke is leading the lobbying for the man he beat for the leadership six years ago and has so far refused to concede that Fraser's "chance is lost."

Fraser said in Kuala Lumpur this week that he was ahead in the race. "On a very hard-nosed assessment there is strong support in all regions and that support will put me ahead," he said.

Malaysia, as host of the biennial summit from Oct 18 to 24, has observed strict neutrality. "We hope this will be resolved before, or by, the time the leaders arrive in Kuala Lumpur," said Dato Ahmad Kamal Jaafar, secretary-general in Malaysia's Foreign Ministry.

Fraser said, Prime Minister Mahatir would speak directly with his fellow leaders on the subject and would not be taking the traditional two-day private retreat taken by the heads of government midway through the week-long summit.

"We are canvassing actively and I'm sure that in the end Fraser will be able to read the situation and will withdraw," Jide Osuntokun, special adviser to the Nigerian External Affairs Minister Ike Nwachukwu, said in Lagos.

"It is very, very important for the Commonwealth to have an African leader at this time of key developments in southern Africa," added a senior official close to Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida.

Officials at the Commonwealth headquarters in London speak highly of Anyaoku's administrative skill and diplomacy. But critics charge that he lacks the dynamism and charisma to project the Commonwealth to the rest of the world.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has not made her influential views known. However, she has clashed sharply with both Ramphal and Fraser over their outspoken calls for sanctions against South Africa.

In an editorial, the right-wing Daily Mail newspaper, here on Wednesday urged her to back Anyaoku.

"She cannot be over-excited by either of the candidates," it said, but added: "On balance she might be wise to support the Nigerian who is the favourite and has the merit of being by far the less opinionated of the two."

## Quote me

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"She cannot be over-excited by either of the candidates. On balance she might be wise to support the Nigerian who is the favourite and has the merit of being by far the less opinionated of the two." — The Daily Mail newspaper urging British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to support Nigerian Emeke Anyaoku over former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser for the post of the next secretary-general of the 48-nation Commonwealth.

"The message of this book is that it is possible to look back in a new way. The key to progress in life is returning to the present. The hall of memory becomes a fascinating place to visit — no longer a place in which to live — or even linger." — psychologist Arthur Freeman writes in a book urging people haunted by regrets to stop and turn a new leaf.

"The use of monkeys to provide assistance for quadriplegics is a misguided attempt to place wild animals in a domestic setting." — Steven Zwartowski of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on cruel and inefficient use of animals.

"We are here to march for peace and justice. Apartheid is irreconcilable with peace and justice. Our feeling is that nothing is changing in the country. Our leaders are still in jail, organisations are still restricted. We need to intensify our campaign to make apartheid unworkable." — Jay Naidoo, Congress of South African Trade Unions general secretary slamming the apartheid in South Africa.

"These criminal groups not only challenge the rule of law and jeopardise the judicial structures of the Colombian society, but they challenge the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean regions and the whole international community as well." — message addressed to Colombian President Virgilio Barco from conference delegates at a UN-sponsored session for combating drugs.



# Arab panel may not ask Syria to leave

JEDDAH, Sept. 15, (Agencies) A three-man Arab League panel meeting in this Saudi Red Sea port concluded talks yesterday on ways of ending seven months of savage fighting in Lebanon. Radio Riyadh reported, but Saudi government sources said it was unlikely the panel would tackle the delicate issue of the withdrawal of Syrian troops from the strife-torn Middle East nation.

The outcome of the meeting will be submitted to the leaders of the tripartite committee, the state-run radio said. It added that an official statement would be issued in the capitals of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria — the three member-states of the panel — on Saturday.

"after consultations between the leaders of the committee."

The committee consists of the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria and held its first meeting late Tuesday. An Arab League envoy, Lak-hadar Ibrahim, also took part in the meeting, the first since the panel suspended its efforts in July after talks ended in deadlock.

A Saudi Arabian government source said the Arab League panel would include in its report to the three Arab leaders its vision of solving the Lebanese crisis, including the implementation of an urgent plan that calls for an immediate ceasefire in Beirut, a lifting of

land and sea blockades forced by each side on the other, the formation of an observers' committee to monitor arms shipments to warring factions, and the formation of a military committee to supervise the ceasefire.

But the Saudi source said the panel was unlikely to ask for the withdrawal of some 35,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon.

"This issue is too delicate at the moment, and the panel will probably try to avoid it until after the ceasefire is implemented," the source said.

The source added that acceptance of the plan by Christian and Muslim forces in Lebanon could pave the way for the

foreign ministers of the panel to make shuttle trips between Baghdad, Damascus and Beirut to begin the second phase of solving the Lebanese crisis.

The second phase calls for political and constitutional reforms, including the election of a new president by the Lebanese Parliament.

In Beirut, the daily newspaper Ad-Diyar, which is close to Gen. Aoun, quoted an unnamed Syrian source as saying that the Damascus government of President Hafez Assad had "agreed in advance" to a four-point plan prepared by the Arab foreign ministers mediating in the Lebanese crisis.

The newspaper said the plan calls for a

ceasefire, the ending of blockades imposed by the warring factions on each other's territory, the formation of an observation committee to monitor imports of weapons and the formation of a military committee to monitor implementation of a ceasefire.

Meanwhile, in Beirut residents rushed back to basements bomb shelters today as Syrian and Christian gunners shelled the city.

Police said five people were killed and seven wounded in the exchanges, which covered residential districts in Beirut's Muslim and Christian sectors as well as the wooded mountains southeast of the capital.



A militiaman holds the hands of two children and walks with them across a street located at Beirut's Green Line. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Fighting blocks Afghan convoy

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 15, (Reuters) Afghan rebel sources said today that a big government supply convoy bound for Kandahar was still held up short of the besieged southern city.

Challenging the Afghan government's announcement on Thursday that the first petrol tankers and supply trucks had arrived the previous day, the sources said fighting was continuing.

The 1,300-vehicle convoy, one of the biggest of the 11-year civil war, has been plunging down the main highway from the Soviet border for several weeks against tough resistance.

Several hundred mujahedeen rebels were blocking the road east of Marwand, some 50 km (30 miles) from Kandahar, said the sources in neighbouring Pakistan.

About 100 tanks and lorries had broken away from the column and lopped round through the Rajistan desert to the south of the highway, they said. They were aiming for Kandahar airport, southeast of the city, which is in government hands.

The rebel sources, quoting reports from rebel commanders across the border, said even this unit was still 20-25 km (12-15 miles) from the airport on Thursday night.

The convoy battle is one of several which have flared up recently after a lull of several months.

Rebels under Jalaluddin Haqqani have invaded Khost, near the Pakistani border south-east of Kabul. On Monday, rebel commander Ahmad Shah Massoud launched a long-expected assault of the Salang highway north of Kabul.

The rebel sources said government troops had retaken Shindand, in western Afghanistan, captured by the Mujahedeen last week. Nine rebels were killed and 20 wounded during a heavy ground and air bombardment which also killed many civilians, they said.

A pro-American Afghan resistance leader and a pro-Moscow Pakistani politician have welcomed reports that ex-king Zahir Shah was poised to play a leading role in seeking a settlement of the Afghanistan question and that he was planning a return to either Pakistan or Afghanistan to undertake such a role.

"The people of Afghanistan will welcome Zahir Shah's return," said Pir Syed Ahmed Gailani, chief of National Islamic Front of Afghanistan (NIFA) in an interview published today.

India has welcomed the change in the United States and Pakistan's policy towards Afghanistan for finding a political solution to the 11-year-old stalemate in the South Asian nation.

Official sources said India attaches considerable importance to the ongoing negotiations between US emissaries and former king Zahir Shah to enable him to return to Afghanistan to help in a political solution to the problem.

# Israel considers holding talks with Palestinians

### Two killed in fresh Nablus violence

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 15, (Agencies) Israel is considering holding peace talks with Palestinians nominated by Egypt, bypassing elections in the occupied territories, a Foreign Ministry official said yesterday.

He said Israel, the United States and Egypt were working on proposals to form a Palestinian delegation including deported activists that would negotiate self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel's four senior leaders failed today for the second time this week

to reach agreement on Egyptian proposals.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman, Avi Pazner, told Reuters: "They broke up but decided to continue the discussion. It means they failed to agree to the Egyptian plan." He said they agreed to talk again at the weekend.

Meanwhile, two Palestinians, including a 12-year-old, were shot and killed today in the West Bank's largest city, a day after the Army lifted a 12-day curfew, Palestinian sources said.



**Pleading guilty**  
Abd Al Mahdi Ghanem, taken from court handcuffed to an Israeli policeman (left) after pleading guilty to seizing the wheel of a Jerusalem-Tel Aviv bus last July 6 and overturning it into a ravine. The Palestinian faces 16 charges of murder and 24 counts of attempted murder but he denied the attack was spontaneous. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Statue proof to Israelite circumcision

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 15, (AP) A recently discovered fragment of a stone statue is the first material proof that Israelites practised male circumcision as early as 3,000 years ago, an archaeologist says.

The three-centimetre (1.2-inch) fragment was found at an archaeological site several days ago in the occupied West Bank.

"There is no doubt as to the anatomical identification of the object," archaeologist Adam Zertal said yesterday on Israeli Radio. "It is a fragment of a statue that shows the end part of a circumcised male sex organ. The anatomical features are very exact."

The stone phallus was found during a survey of an ancient Israelite settlement at Hirbet Einun, several miles east of Mount Ebal in the West Bank and about 60 km (37 miles) north of Jerusalem.

Male circumcision was practised by the Egyptians and is customary up to this day among Jews and Muslims.

But it was apparently unknown to people who populated Canaan before the Israelite invasion.

## 'Give us food, job' Palestinians ask UN

OCCUPIED GAZA, Sept. 15, (Agencies) Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip, impoverished by their 21-month-old uprising and a boycott of work in Israel, are turning to the United Nations to feed them.

But the UN Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) for Palestine refugees, viewed with deep suspicion by Israel, is resisting the clamour to distribute general food rations and create jobs for Palestinians unable to work in Israel.

"When the people starve, the agency will be compelled to look after them," said Khaled Al Khatib — president of the Gaza Chamber of Commerce, reflecting a widespread belief that in the end, Unrwa will provide.

Crowds of Palestinians besiege Unrwa offices daily, pleading for special hardship grants, emergency food supplies and employment, UN officials say.

The agency deployed guards to keep applicants out of its Gaza headquarters after some 200 women mobilised by uprising activists held a sit-in there this week to press for restoration of general food rations, abolished in 1982.

The demands have become more pressing since Palestinians began a boycott of jobs in Israel on August 18 in response to the imposition of identity cards designed to prevent activists from working in the Jewish state.

"We have seen a massive increase in the numbers coming to our welfare offices in all eight refugee camps to apply for special hardship status — the poorest of the poor," said Claire Grimes, Unrwa's spokeswoman in Gaza.

She said there was no starvation or serious malnutrition yet but the economic situation was deteriorating fast.

Meanwhile, the United States and Israel have praised Switzerland yesterday for its handling of the latest request by the self-proclaimed state of Palestine to secure international legitimacy.

Switzerland decided on Wednesday it could not rule on whether the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) could join the 1949 Geneva Conventions as a state.

In theory, any state can join the Geneva accords, which protect prisoners and civilians during war.

But most Western countries, including Switzerland, have not recognised the Palestine government-in-exile declared last November on the grounds that the PLO controls no territory.

# Turkey to scrap death penalty for 13 offences

### Bid to improve human rights image

ANKARA, Sept. 15, (Reuters) Turkey is to scrap the death penalty for 13 offences, cut the time suspects can be held and allow them to see defence lawyers at any time, under changes approved by cabinet and being sent to Parliament.

The penal code overhaul, announced by Justice Minister Oltan Sungurcu yesterday, aims to improve Turkey's human rights image to back a drive for full European Economic Community membership.

Under a proposed constitutional amendment, 244 people in death row — some of whom have been held for eight years awaiting execution by hanging — will be reprieved.

The draft bills being submitted to Parliament are likely to enter the statute book

without much delay, legal sources said.

"Turkey, as a member of the Council of Europe, wants to have standards and terms similar to other (member) countries," Sungurcu told a news conference.

European Economic Community deputies and human rights groups have strongly criticised Turkey for its human rights image since the 1980 army coup quelled political violence.

If Parliament approves the changes, police will only be able to detain people for between four and six days before sending them to court. At present they can be held up to 15 days, without access to people outside or to defence lawyers.

"The largest benefit expected from this change will be the removal of torture claims,"

Sungurcu said.

"If there has been torture, its physical signs will be visible when the detainee appears at court."

Western diplomats in Ankara say many of the torture claims are from people held without access for 15 days.

Sungurcu said that under a clause to be valid for only five years, detention periods in cases involving large numbers of defendants and state security could be extended to 10 days.

Several hundred alleged Kurdish guerrillas, seeking an autonomous state in southeastern Turkey, are on trial in several groups on charges of separatism.

## Israel tested missile: Moscow

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 15, (Agencies) Israeli military and government officials dismissed a Soviet report published in newspapers today saying that Israel recently conducted a ballistic missile test.

The Israeli Army spokesman's office said it "had no information or data with regard to this event."

Spokesman for the prime minister's office and the Foreign Ministry also said they had no information on the matter, the Jerusalem Post reported. Israel has repeatedly refused to comment on whether it is developing missiles.

The report on Israel's missile testing programme was carried by the official Soviet news agency Tass yesterday and prominently featured in several Israeli newspapers today.

The Soviet Union said today it is "seriously concerned" over the launch.

Tass, quoting Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov, said, "The USSR is seriously concerned over Israel's recent ballistic missile launch, this time over a distance of 1,300 kilometres (800 miles), as indicated by the Soviet Defence Department."

"Firstly, the test was conducted at a time when the Soviet Union and the United States are eliminating their missiles of this class in keeping with the INF treaty," it quoted Gerasimov as saying.

"Secondly, the international community is applying efforts to prevent the spread of the ballistic missile technology and to sign a corresponding agreement on this account. Israel, however, does not wish to reckon with the opinion of the majority of countries, both East and West," Gerasimov said.

"Thirdly, Israel is known to possess a technological basis necessary for the creation of nuclear weapons."

Gerasimov went on to say, "This may complicate the search for a comprehensive Middle East settlement and the transformation of the Middle East and the entire Mediterranean into a zone of lasting peace and co-operation."

Israel has long refused to discuss its military missile programme, which according to foreign reports includes the development of nuclear and chemical warheads.

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# Israelis destroy Abu Nidal base

### Retaliatory attack

SIDON, Lebanon, Sept. 15, (Reuters) Four Israeli helicopter gunships blasted the headquarters of a radical Palestinian group in southern Lebanon yesterday, security sources said.

They said helicopters fired three wire-guided air-to-surface missiles into the base of Abu Nidal's Fatah Revolutionary Council (FRC) in Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp east of the port of Sidon, 40 km (25 miles) south of Beirut.

In Jerusalem, an Army spokesman confirmed the attack hit an FRC base but said planes, not helicopters, were involved.

"Air Force planes attacked a commando base in the area of Sidon. The target was hit and our planes returned safely," he said.

Witnesses said the one-storey base received a direct hit and was set ablaze. The first prevented rescue workers from evacuating possible casualties.

The Lebanese security sources had earlier said the raid targeted positions of the Syrian-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC), led by Ahmed Jibril, but the group later denied the report.

The Israeli strike, the third in less than three weeks, was apparently in retaliation for a spate of commando attacks against Israel.

On Monday three Israeli soldiers were wounded and a commando was killed in a border clash inside Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, set up in 1983 to protect northern Israel from commando attacks.

The Syrian-backed National Resistance Front (NRF), a coalition of Lebanese leftist groups, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The NRF and the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) claimed responsibility for another border clash on Saturday in which an Israeli soldier and commando were killed.

The strike yesterday was the 12th by Israeli aircraft on Lebanon since the start of the war. At least 30 people have been killed and 114 wounded.

Lebanon's pro-Iranian Hezbollah movement has accused at least 10 of its members of spying for Israel, Muslim security sources said.

The sources said Hezbollah detained the alleged spies less than a month ago after Israeli commandos abducted Hezbollah cleric Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid on July 28 from his home in southern Lebanon and took him to Israel.

Hezbollah — the Iranian-funded Party of God — is believed to hold some of at least 17 Westerners kidnapped in Lebanon. The group has consistently denied involvement in hostage-taking.

The sources said the detained Hezbollah members included Shiite Muslim militants close to the group's spiritual mentor, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah. They numbered some of the cleric's students, members of Hezbollah's security wing and women.

One source said the investigation into the alleged spying had been completed and Hezbollah had obtained confessions from the accused. He said they would soon be put to death.

Asked to comment on the reports, an Hezbollah spokesman denied them.

Israel offered to swap Obeid and Lebanese Shiite Muslim prisoners for three Israeli servicemen captured in Lebanon and Western hostages. But Hezbollah rejected an exchange.

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**Iran ambassador:** Kamal Kharrazi, the American-educated head of Iran's state-run news agency, was appointed on Thursday as the country's permanent ambassador to the United Nations, Tehran Radio reported. Kharrazi was recommended for the post by Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, and confirmed by President Hashemi Rafsanjani. (AP)

**Mideast trip:** Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen left for a 10-day visit to the Middle East, including stops in Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Tunisia. The official Xinhua news agency said the Chinese official will stop over in Pakistan before travelling on to Jordan. He also is to proceed to New York at the conclusion of the tour to attend the 44th General Assembly of the United Nations. (AP)

**Kurds attack:** Separatist Kurds killed five soldiers in an overnight clash on a rugged mountain in southeast Turkey, security sources said on Thursday. There were no reports of casualties among the rebel Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) band which ambushed a patrol on Kerekol mountain near Sirnak in Siirt province on Wednesday night, they said. (Reuters)

**Accord unfair:** Poland's Cardinal Jozef Glemp has reiterated that he is not ready to move nuns from a convent at the former Nazi death camp Auschwitz, saying the terms of a 1987 Jewish-Catholic accord were unfair.

Glemp, the country's Roman Catholic primate, made clear in speech extracts published by the official PAP news agency on Wednesday that he wanted the agreement on moving the nuns to be renegotiated. (Reuters)



# A hit before it hit stage

## Miss Saigon comes to London

LONDON, Sept 15, (Reuters): First they reworked Victor Hugo. Now it is the turn of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly". Can two intensely committed French composers strike gold twice?

"We hope it will be as good as 'Les Misérables'," librettist Alain Boublil said as he fretted over the final touches at a preview of the sumptuously staged new musical "Miss Saigon."

"Naturally we are nervous," composer Claude-Michel Schönberg confessed as autograph-hunters lined up to have their programmes signed.

"Miss Saigon," the poignant story of Madame Butterfly updated and set in Vietnam as the Americans are fleeing Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), opens at London's historic Theatre Royal Drury Lane on Sept 20. Already, the box office tills are ringing long and loud.

The theatre, which was staged many famous musicals including "My Fair Lady," has taken £5 million (\$7.5 million) in advance bookings on the strength of the composers' worldwide success with "Les Misérables."

"Les Misérables" was first staged in Paris in 1980 where it was seen by 1.5 million people. But it was the British version that won the composers international stardom, record and theatre awards in New York and productions around the globe.

Schönberg, talking at the theatre before the lights dimmed and a preview run-through began, said: "Miss Saigon" is something completely new for us. This is the first time we have written in English.

The idea first came when I saw this haunting photograph of a mother saying goodbye to her child at Saigon airport. She knew she would never see her again. Then came the correlation with "Madame Butterfly" and we started to look at the source material that Puccini used.

"It was a close run thing between London and New York for the opening of the show. But we had (millionaire producer) Cameron Mackintosh to put it on here and a marvellous technical and artistic crew."

American Richard Maltby Junior was called in to ensure the English lyrics had an authentic ring.

Opera director Nicholas Hytner was appointed to stage the musical and John Napier, famed for "Cats," to design it.

They searched worldwide for someone to play the role of "Miss Saigon," the teenage prostitute who falls in love with an American G.I., has his child, ends up working in a Bangkok nightclub and commits suicide to give her son a new life in the United States.

After auditioning 500 girls for the part from London to Honolulu, the composers' search ended in Manila with 18-year-old Lea Salonga, a child star in the Philippines with extensive experience in musicals.

Salonga, whose father is a marine engineer who runs the National Philippines Shipyard, said: "I have seen Philippine prostitutes with the naval officers when I have been down to visit my father at the dockyards. So I was able to model my performance on them."

Boublil is fulsome in praise of the Philippine singers in the new musical. "There are 16 in the cast altogether. They speak perfect English and they have this musical tradition."

"Being half Spanish and half Asian, they manage to sing with tremendous Latin feeling. It is a unique blend."

He is also delighted with perhaps their most daring choice — British actor Jonathan Pryce who plays the ingratiating pimp in the Saigon and Bangkok clubs. "He is just great."

Pryce is perhaps best known in Britain for his classical Shakespeare roles — his 1975 Hamlet was highly praised — and internationally for playing sinister film roles as in "Something Wicked This Way Comes."

Pryce, the son of a Welsh miner, is unabashed by all the media attention over his part. He describes his character as "a sort of a marriage broker who runs a bar of ill-repute. He will be of French Vietnamese extraction with a touch of Welsh."

At the previews, the sly Pryce brought the house down with "The American Dream," a showstopper tribute to the delights of a capitalist consumer society.



Actress Lea Salonga as 'Kim' and Jonathan Pryce as 'The Engineer' in a scene of Miss Saigon. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Don't Wanna Lose You tops

## Pop chart

NEW YORK, Sept 15, (AP): Gloria Estefan's "Don't Wanna Lose You" topped one notch to take over the number one spot among best selling single pop records in the United States.

"Hangin' Tough" by the New Kids on the Block moved from third to second position of the Cash Box magazine chart, while "Heaven" by the group Warrant climbed from fourth to third.

Last week's number one hit, "Cold-Hearted" by Paula Abdul, slipped to fourth.

Climbing fast up the top 10 pop list was "If I Could Turn Back Time" by Cher, up from 11th to 6th, and "Girl I'm Gonna Miss You" by Milli Vanilli, up from 13th to 7th.

Another newcomer to the list was "18 and Life" by Skid Row, up from 12th to 10th.

"Give Me His Last Chance" by Lionel Cartwright made it to the top of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart. Keith Whitley's "I Wonder Do You Think Of Me" was second, and "Let Me Tell You About Love" by the Judds was third.

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Don't Wanna Lose You — Gloria Estefan (Epic).
2. (3) Hangin' Tough — New Kids on the Block (Columbia).
3. (4) Heaven — Warrant (Columbia).
4. (1) Cold-Hearted — Paula Abdul (Virgin).
5. (9) Shower Me With Your Love — Surface (Columbia).
6. (11) If I Could Turn Back Time — Cher (Geffen).
7. (13) Girl I'm Gonna Miss You — Milli Vanilli (Arista).
8. (10) Keep On Movin' — Soul II Soul (Virgin).
9. (5) The End Of The Innocence — Don Henley (Geffen).
10. (12) 18 And Live — Skid Row (Atlantic).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Give Me His Last Chance — Lionel Cartwright (MCA).
2. (1) I Wonder Do You Think Of Me — Keith Whitley (RCA).
3. (5) Let Me Tell You About Love — The Judds (Curb-RCA).
4. (2) Honky Tonk Heart — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).
5. (7) Nothing I Can Do About It Now — Willie Nelson (Columbia).
6. (8) Don't You — The Forester Sisters (Warner Brothers).
7. (3) I'm Still Crazy — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).
8. (10) Killin' Time — Clint Black (RCA).
9. (6) Timber I'm Falling In Love — Patty Loveless (MCA).
10. (12) I Got Dreams — Steve Wariner (MCA).

And in UK, "Ride On Time" by Black Box was number 1 on the British pop singles chart this week for the second week.

This week's top singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's places in parentheses:

1. (1) Ride On Time — Black Box (Deconstruction).
2. (6) I Need Your Lovin' — Alyson Williams (Off Jam-CBS).
3. (3) Sowing The Seeds Of Love — Tears For Fears (Fontana).
4. (2) Swing The Mood — Jynx, Bunny and The Mastermixers (Music Factory).
5. (18) Right Here Waiting — Richard Marx (EMI).
6. (8) Numero Uno — Starlight (Citybeat).
7. (15) Personal Jesus — Depeche Mode (Mute).
8. (4) Hey DJ — Beatmasters and Betty Boo (Rhythm King).
9. (9) Every Day (I Love You More) — Jason Donovan (FWS).
10. (12) Blame It On The Boogie — Big Fun (Epic).

# Blackpool attracting a new breed of visitors — Arabs

BLACKPOOL, England, Sept 15, (Reuters): England's most famous working-class resort is attracting a new breed of visitors — wealthy Arabs who find Britain's variable weather a welcome change from unrelenting sunshine.

Blackpool, where 15 million visitors a year come in search of fresh air, funfairs and fish-and-chips, is surprised and delighted by a steady growth in Arab tourists.

The brash resort, its bright lights defying the grey weather rolling in from the Irish Sea, is determined to cash in on the incongruous marriage of Middle England and the Middle East.

"They discovered Blackpool incidentally, and a small but significant market created itself. Now we've identified it, we're going all out for it," said John Hall, Blackpool's deputy director of tourism.

Saudi businessmen visiting a nearby British aerospace plant bit on Blackpool by chance some years ago, and the seaside town has not looked back.

"They like the piers and the beaches. Even the weather is a novelty to them after unremitting sunshine," Hall said. "There's nothing like the pleasure beach, they tell us, anywhere in the Middle East."

No wonder, Blackpool's exuberance and sheer scale — it claims to be Europe's biggest and busiest holiday resort — take even English visitors by surprise.

Two hundred years after travellers first came to take the waters and ride in carriages across the sands, an air of nostalgia enhances its appeal.

Trams along the seafront, deckchairs on the pier and donkey-rides on the beach are a throwback to the traditional English summer vacation, before holidaymakers left in droves on package trips to the Mediterranean.

Saucy T-shirts and kiss-me-quick hats, funfairs and fish-and-chips abound on the golden mile, a gaudy promenade where Blackpool displays its best and brightest attractions.

Middle-aged couples dance the cha-cha and samba all day under the bright lights of the Blackpool tower ballroom, whose mighty wurlitzer organ churns out 18,000 numbers a season. In the Good Time Emporium across the hall, their children and grandchildren listen spellbound to a pair of stand-up comedians.

Blackpool first pulled in the crowds in the 18th century, when drinking pints of seawater to improve one's health was a fashionable craze.

The northwest resort grew steadily over 200 years — and when English rivals entered a recent period of decline, Blackpool's rise continued unchecked. Largely ignored in smart travel guides, it has learned to blow its own trumpet.

"Entertainment is what Blackpool is famous for and each year millions of people enjoy the fun, fun, fun that never stops," the travel brochures proclaim.

Blackpool claims its pleasure beach, a vast amusement park which attracts 6-1/2 million visitors a year, is Britain's most popular free tourist attraction.

Both vulnerable. South deals.

was won in the closed hand. Declarer drew trumps and tried the diamond finesse. East exited with a club. Eventually declarer had to tackle spades, and it took only reasonable care by the defenders to assure themselves of three tricks in that suit and a one-trick set.

Going in, declarer had nine fast tricks. As long as the opponents could be compelled to broach spades, declarer would have to come to one trick in that suit by force. How could that be accomplished?

The only way is to make any other return fatal. After winning the opening lead and drawing trumps, declarer should cash the remaining clubs, discarding a diamond from dummy. Now the scene is set for an endplay.

Declarer must ignore the diamond finesse in favor of playing ace and queen of diamonds. It makes no difference which defender wins the trick — either must present declarer with the contract. A minor-suit return allows declarer to discard a spade from hand while ruffing in dummy. And opening up the spade suit gives declarer his 10th trick by force.

## GOREN BRIDGE

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 7 5 2  
♥ 10 9 6 3  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ A 10 9  
♥ 5 2  
♦ 10 8 6 2  
♣ J 10 8 4

**EAST**  
♠ K 8 3  
♥ 7 4  
♦ K J 9 3  
♣ 9 7 5 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 6 4  
♥ A K Q J 8  
♦ 7 5  
♣ A K Q

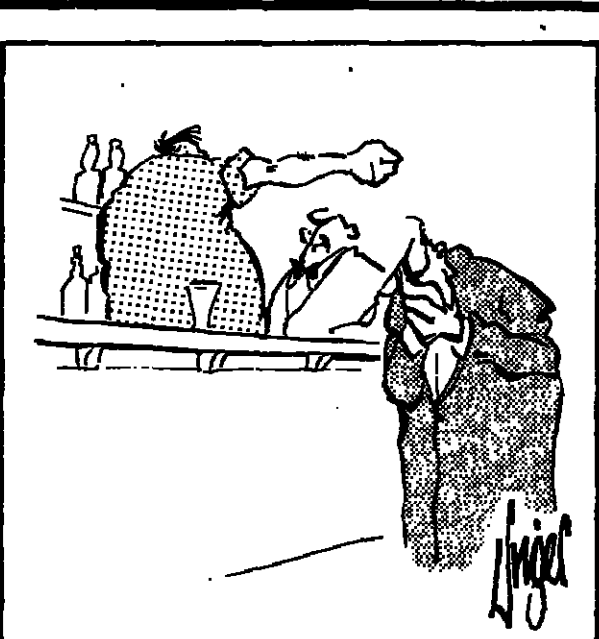
The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

Sometimes declarer must combine more than one line to achieve an optimum result. Both themes in this hand were discussed individually in recent columns. Can you spot them?

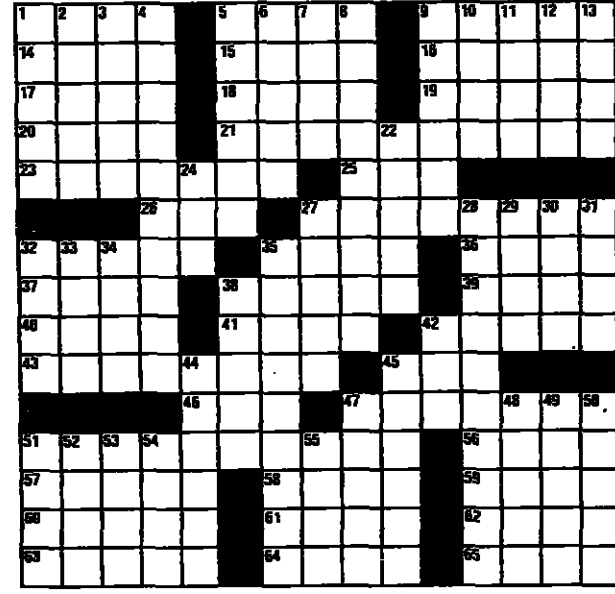
There is nothing to the auction. Once North could do no more than raise to two hearts, declarer had no interest beyond game.

West's jack of clubs opening lead



"Dimitri, 'punch' is a type of fruit drink."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Finger grips
  - 2 Sicilian sight
  - 3 Lewiston, Me., college
  - 4 Place to read the score
  - 5 Well-bred
  - 6 Dote on
  - 7 Hindu deity
  - 8 "WAR" and "PEACE", e.g.
  - 9 Chatterer
  - 10 Sector
  - 11 Speech problem
  - 12 Villa d'
  - 13 Forecaster, of a sort
  - 22 Takes in
  - 24 Shoshonean
  - 27 — mignon
  - 28 Reporter's superior
  - 29 Bank deal
  - 30 Mrs. Shakespeare
  - 31 Heiry
  - 32 Quarrel
  - 33 Salary
  - 34 Object of reverence
  - 35 Place for 8 Down
  - 38 "Turandot", e.g.
  - 42 Study
  - 44 Syrup producers
  - 45 In a low manner
  - 47 Procreate
  - 48 Saw
  - 49 Artistic style
  - 50 Atelier item
  - 51 Unfeeling member
  - 53 Stratagem
  - 54 Dispatched
  - 55 Mild expletive

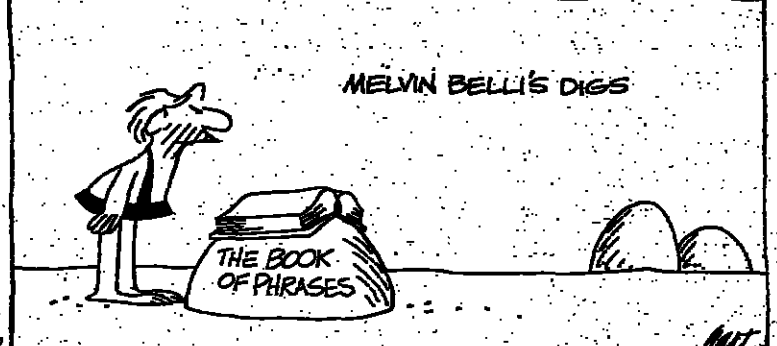
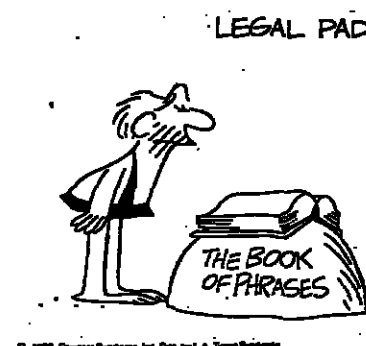
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ELO PRESTO  
BEARCAT CACHET  
AIRBASE THREESA  
NADIRS REDTAPE  
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## THE WIZARD OF ID



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## YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
You will not have everything your own way nor should you wish to. If you make more concessions others will concede to you. Try to avoid doing anything that is likely to give rise to tension. Be respectful.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will have some personal success but do not be smug about it. You will have more trouble with small matters than you would like. Make sure you do not act out of jealousy and try to curb your resentments. Be considerate.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You should not try to evade your responsibilities. Do not suppress your emotions, nor should you wear them on your sleeve. Do not try to do more than one thing at a time. Be appropriate.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You should do all you can to avoid creating confusion. Something you had not expected to amount to much will turn out to be well worth while. Your lucky numbers are 19 and 37. You will be more able to please your partner.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You should pay more attention to your personal affairs. However do not do anything regardless of other people's feelings. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be tolerant.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You will be caught up in a disagreement between two friends and should try to keep out of it or at least be impartial. Speed and other limits are not to be exceeded. Do not leave a letter unanswered for too long. Be fair.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
You will be able to clear up a misunderstanding before it has dire results. And you will also be able to avoid complications. Do not do anything that might injure your health. Be respectful.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
Make sure you put first things first and do not dwell too much on details. You have a lot to do, but should just get on with it without becoming flustered. Help your partner also to avoid financial difficulties. Be sincere.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
You will feel on top of your form, but you should conserve your energies. Do not allow your attention to wander nor should you try to do too much at once. You should consider advice carefully before you act on it. Be magnanimous.
- Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
Do not allow yourself to be too greatly influenced by what others think of you but do not tread on their toes either. Make sure you do not forget to keep a promise you have made. Use just a little more commonsense. Be tactful.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
You are in the right mood to make a decision. You will be able to press ahead with a personal project. Leave yourself with enough time and space for your emotional life. Be frank.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You will be able to pursue one of your new interests. Your personal life will take a turn for the better. Do not make up your mind on the spur of the moment. Be resolute.







## Measures to increase petroleum industry

Lagos, Sept. 15, (Opecna): Nigeria's Petroleum Resources Minister Alhaji Rilwanu Lukman recently announced measures aimed at shoring up the country's oil industry.

Addressing students of the Nigeria's Command and Staff College, Jaji near Kaduna, Lukman, who is Opec conference president, said that "it is the policy of government to continuously increase the reserves base of Nigeria's petroleum industry through intensified seismic and exploratory activities, especially in unexplored sedimentary basins and offshore." Such unexplored basins include Anambra, Chad, Benue and Sokoto.

To this effect, the fiscal terms reached with joint-venture partners were constantly under review to ensure that Nigeria remained an attractive zone for oil operations in a highly-competitive world oil industry, he said.

He explained that in particular, "the incentive package, with special reference to profit margins, technical cost, petroleum profit tax, etc. has remained attractive in line with developments world-wide in order to allow for improvements in the injection of capital into the Nigerian oil industry."

The injection of foreign capital into the industry, among other factors, must have informed government's recent decision to divest 20 per cent of its interest in the joint venture between the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) and Shell in order to fund its liquefied natural gas (LNG) project. Through this arrangement, Shell acquired additional 10 per cent while Agip of Italy and Elf of France acquired five per cent equity participation in the joint venture.

The reserves rose from 9.3 billion barrels in 1960, reaching a peak of 20.9 billion barrels in 1974, but have since declined to 16.6 billion barrels. Similarly, the peak production of 2.4 million BPD in 1979 has declined to today's 1.4 million BPD.

He said that the scheme involved the building of additional storage depots in different parts of the country. Presently, there were 17 such depots.

### Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, yesterday.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.3028	0.30143
Sterling	0.4690	0.47390
Dm.	0.15250	0.15410
S. fr.	0.17700	0.17880
F. fr.	0.04523	0.04584
It. lira	0.0002125	0.0002151
Jap. yen	0.002051	0.002076
Bh. dir.	0.79820	0.80000
UAE dh.	0.08171	0.08214
S. riyal	0.08001	0.08043
C. riyal	0.08242	0.08288
O. riyal	0.77940	0.78390

### Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 15, (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-1/4	8-9/16
3 months	8-1/4	8-9/16
6 months	8-5/16	8-9/16
1 year	8-5/16	8-9/16

### Indian rupee

Sri Lankan rupee	18.070
Pakistan rupee	7.670
Bangladesh taka	14.220
US dollar	9.250
Pound sterling	301.35
Deutsche mark	47.300
UAE dirham	153.50
Japanese yen	08.200
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### Phosphate row with India threatens Moroccan recovery

CASABLANCA, Sept. 15, (Reuters): A row between Morocco, the world's largest exporter of phosphates, and its most important customer India has jeopardised the Moroccan economy just when it appeared to be improving.

Economic analysts estimate the dispute could cost Morocco \$400-600 million and result in a current account deficit in 1989 after two successive years of small surpluses — the first in more than a decade.

"It is a tragedy and the most serious problem to hit the economy for many years. After two good years, a third could have seen them really moving ahead. Now they will be lucky to stand still, said one Western analyst.

"When set against a 1988 current account surplus of \$21 million you see how important this row is and what bad news it is for the economy," another analyst commented.

## Al Wattari pleads for oil's enhanced role in Arab integration

OXFORD, Sept. 15, (Opecna): A strong case was made yesterday by a leading Arab oil figure for maximising the contribution of oil to Arab economic integration and growth.

In an address delivered to the 11th Oxford energy seminar, on Arab co-operation, Abdul Aziz Al Wattari, secretary-general of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), pointed out that as Arab regional groups gathered strength, the role of oil, which in the past had been "rather small in relation to its potential," would acquire greater urgency.

He said until recently there were few attempts to utilise oil in achieving Arab integration. Even after nationalisation, the essential structure of the oil industry did not change to the desired extent. Most of this structure, he added, was "designed to

serve foreign markets," a pattern whose modification would require "special efforts."

Al Wattari observed that there had been little integration between the oil sector and other activities in the Arab economies. Oil, he added, remained an export-oriented industry with "only a few instances of its playing a leading role in the transfer of technology for overall development." As an illustration, he mentioned the difficulties encountered in setting up an indigenous Arab technological base in oil extraction and processing.

Al Wattari, who was Iraq's minister of oil in the 1960s, stated that the role of oil in the Arab world had been further limited by a "misplaced emphasis" on conservation. He said instead of focussing on the greater utilisation of our abundant natural

### GCC per capita income increased seven fold

resource, there had been attempts in many Arab states to reduce its consumption as much as possible by raising its cost to the final consumer.

He pointed out that the increase in oil revenues which began in the 1970s, had had "only a modest impact" on inter-Arab co-operation. Expenditures had grown rapidly as the result of the desire to acquire goods and services in a relatively short period of time.

"Most Arab countries were ill equipped to meet these demands because their supply capabilities were extremely modest. Hence the growth in Arab requirements for goods and services was met by imports from industrialised countries."

Al Wattari was confident that oil and gas resources would play a "significantly greater role" in future Arab development, while

the establishment of regional groupings would accelerate the process of optimising the role of oil. The orientation from national to regional decision-making would broaden the scope for implementing policies, with the pooling of resources making it possible to increase Arab participation in various phases of the oil industry.

He also predicted that the global growth in energy demand would be increasingly met from Arab sources, enhancing oil revenues in the process and making investment funds available at national and regional levels. The discovery of more reserves would mean that greater volumes of oil would be diverted to the domestic market without reducing exports.

He said at the regional level, there was "wide scope" for expanding the use of oil. Per

capita income had already increased seven fold in Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries. Other Arab regions could also benefit likewise as long as the internal Arab market in oil and gas was developed along the right lines.

Al Wattari said nowhere was the search for global solutions more evident than in the environmental area, but here there was need to formulate an Arab response in conjunction with other oil producers. He warned that the concern for the environment could be used by some countries as a "pretext for suppressing oil consumption" through the imposition of higher taxes on oil products.

He suggested that Arab countries could co-operate with oil importing countries to expand cultivable areas to reduce the danger of desertification.



Abdul Aziz Al Wattari

## Taiwan is considering Third World debt plan

### Plans to rejoin world bodies

TAIPEI, Sept. 15, (Reuters): Cash-rich but friend-poor, Taiwan is considering helping the Third World repay some of its debt, Central Bank Governor Samuel Shieh said yesterday.

The island has built up the world's second-largest reserve of foreign exchange after Japan through booming trade with almost every world nation, but has formal diplomatic relations with only 24 countries.

Shieh said the United States, which does not formally recognise the island, had suggested a plan under which Taiwan would spend some of its \$74.4 billion reserves on the Third World.

"Officials have simply discussed the US request for Taiwan to help Third World debt repayments," Shieh said.

He denied local press reports that Taiwan would dramatically announce the plan at the Washington meeting of the International Monetary Fund later this month.

The Nationalist government, which fled to the island in 1949 after being defeated by the communists during China's civil war, lost its seat in most world organisations including the IMF as more and more countries recognised Beijing.

Government officials say

privately any plan to help the Third World would have to be linked with recognition of Taiwan's status as the 13th-biggest trading nation in the world.

Taiwan has made clear it wants to rejoin world bodies including the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

China strongly objects to Taiwan's rejoining these groups. But Taiwan officials hope money will talk.

"It is unthinkable to have such a strong trade power excluded from international organisations," Foreign Affairs Vice-

Minister John Chang said in a recent interview.

"It is a loss to them. We have proven ourselves so well," he added.

Shieh declined to give details on the debt plan being discussed and would not say when a decision would be reached.

Last October Taiwan announced a \$1 billion development fund to be distributed to friendly nations.

Chang linked the fund to world treatment of Taiwan, and officials said the debt plan could have a similar logic.

"We are able to help others and willing to," Chang said.

## US trade deficit down

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, (Reuters): The US trade deficit fell in July to its lowest level in nearly five years and a key inflation indicator was better than expected in government reports released today showing a restrained economy.

Financial markets were encouraged by the Commerce Department's report that the deficit on merchandise trade with the rest of the world, led by a decline in imports, had fallen by a surprising 5.3 per cent in July to \$7.58 billion.

In a sign that US inflationary pressures continue to ease, wholesale prices dropped by 0.4 per cent in August, the Labour Department reported.

The decline, reflecting a broad-based decline in energy costs, marked the first time since early 1986 that the producer price index has fallen for three months in a row. In July it fell by 0.4 per cent and in June it dipped by 0.1 per cent.

The modest decline in the month for commodities at all stages of production, may encourage the Federal Reserve to further relax its grip on interest rates, economists said.

Analysts had anticipated the July trade gap to rise to about \$8.9 billion from June's revised \$8.01 billion.

Exports fell by 1.8 per cent to \$30.74 billion and imports declined by 2.5 per cent to \$38.32 billion.

The dollar jumped almost two pennings and treasury bonds initially advanced on news of the smaller-than-expected trade deficit, along with the drop in producer prices.

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## Tax battle planned

### Mulroney faces criticism

OTTAWA, Sept. 15, (Reuters): Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney celebrates his fifth year in power on Sunday facing a torrent of criticism over a tax initiative, with his popularity declining in the opinion polls.

As Mulroney, 50, moves to complete an overhaul of the Canadian tax system with a levy on goods and services, there is talk of a tax revolt and predictions it will be his undoing.

The election's son from Quebec is fighting against the odds as he has done during much of his rise to power, marked by endless battles and countless predictions of his demise.

Under the new plan, everything Canadians buy or use except basic food will be taxed nine per cent. Mulroney wants the plan in place by 1991, about a year before his Conservative Party would be expected to call an election.

Mulroney admits that going ahead with the tax plan won't be popular but likens it to the challenge of selling the US-Canada free trade agreement in the 1988 election. The legacy of his first term was forging the pact to head off protectionist sentiment in the US Congress.

## Iraq, Paris sign debt accord

PARIS, Sept. 15, (Kuna): An agreement was reached last night between Paris and Baghdad on rescheduling the Iraqi debt, it was announced today by the Iraqi embassy here.

The accord on the debt, estimated at 25 billion francs (\$3.84 billion) was signed in Baghdad in the presence of French officials from the foreign, defence and foreign trade ministries, and Iraqi officials, the communiqué issued by the embassy said.

It indicated that Baghdad will pay in the next three months amounts due for payment in 1988 and 1989, without giving details about the terms of the rescheduling.

The accord reached yesterday is most likely to change the attitude of the Coface, the French government's export credits to Iraq for non-payment of the debt.

Paris and Baghdad are, therefore, expected to start negotiations for the purchase by Iraq of about 50 Mirage 2000 jet fighters, manufactured by Dassault.

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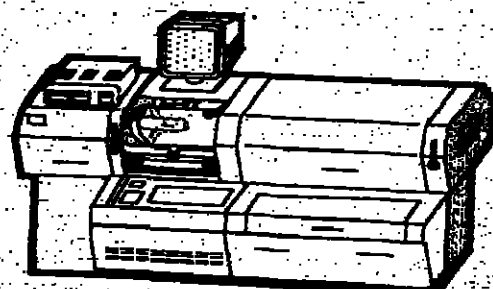
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## Ozal working towards EEC membership

## Istanbul stock market emerging as world beater

ISTANBUL, Sept. 15, (Reuters). The tiny Istanbul Stock Exchange, once a lonely outpost on a Bosphorus quayside, is emerging as one of the world's fastest growing markets.

Daily trading volume has gone up five times since Aug 9 when Turkey devalued its currency and capital markets were fully open to foreigners, while prices have nearly doubled.

Foreign buying now makes up around one-third of daily market turnover, bankers and dealers say, while prices remain cheap enough to attract foreign cash.

"I think Turkey has a great future as an emerging market. Things are going very nicely here," said Mark Mobius, managing director of Templeton Emerging Market Fund Inc.

"Prices are so cheap," Mobius added.

The stock index hit 1,233 yesterday, approaching its August 1987 pre-crash record of 1,332. The index is based on 100 when the market was reformed in January 1986.

Profit-taking brought the index back down to 1,116 by mid-session today but

trading volume, which hit a record 34.5 billion lira (\$15 million) yesterday, remained at record levels with companies doing large block trades.

Trading volume and shares traded would expand further if the high price levels were sustained, attracting Turkish companies to float jealously-guarded family holdings, bankers said.

The average price earnings ratio for around 30 companies listed on the primary market has gone up to 6.7 on Sept 14, up from 4.8 at the end of August—reflecting the costly process of raising equity capital for companies.

"Players want to be the first in an emerging market. Everyone is taking a risk but most of them have a long-term view," said Henri Van't Hoff, treasury and capital markets co-ordinator at Istanbul's Iktisat Bank.

But low liquidity on the market is a problem as most Turkish companies, traditionally family-owned, would rather keep control of their shares than float them on the exchange.

Some bankers say the market may get too ambitious and falter if new shares are not injected.

Chunks of state-run enterprises are waiting to be sold at Turkey's privatisation office, with a total of 15 state shareholdings set aside for 1989, but bankers say it will take some time for them to arrive at the exchange.

"But expectations are that liquidity will eventually be fed either by shares coming out directly from the government's pockets or by those under the pillows of private company managers," said an Istanbul banker who asked not to be named.

Meanwhile, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal arrived in Spain yesterday for a two-day visit saying he was working patiently towards joining the European Economic Community as the process was "a marathon, not a 100 metres sprint."

On a trip aimed partly at discussing economic co-operation such as possible defence purchases and partly at drumming up support for Turkey's bid to enter the 12-member group, Ozal said Spain had much in common with Turkey as a Mediterranean

country and could help it press its case.

Ozal, who went straight from Madrid's Barajas airport for a first session of talks with Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, said in a newspaper interview published yesterday he was not losing his patience or the EEC application, made in 1987 and under study by the EEC Commission.

"We know this is a marathon, not a 100 metres sprint," he told El Pais, adding Turkey's process of Westernisation was not exclusively aimed at entering the EEC.

"If we carry on at the same rate, politically and economically, in 15 years time we will not be asking to join so much as being invited to join," he said.

Spanish officials said that although Spain, which itself joined the community only in 1986, views Turkey's application with sympathy, Gonzalez would ask Ozal for patience as several other countries wanted to join.

Ozal said he would discuss a possible deal to buy 50 Spanish-made CN-235 light military planes during his visit, the first by a Turkish leader to fellow Nato-member Spain in 30 years.

## Inflation declines in Britain

LONDON, Sept. 15, (Reuters). Britain's annual inflation rate fell today for the second consecutive month but Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said interest rates would remain high to cool the economy.

The retail price index rose 0.3 per cent in August to register a yearly rate of 7.3 per cent against 8.2 per cent in July, the Central Statistical Office said.

"It shows that the anti-inflation policy which has been in place for some time is working," Lawson said on television. "Although there may be fluctuations from month to month, inflation is emphatically on the way down again."

But he said he would keep interest rates high "for some little while to come" to ensure inflation continued to fall.

Interest rates have almost doubled to 14 per cent in the past 16 months, putting a heavy financial burden on many Britons who have purchased homes during Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's free-market administration.

## Panel approves cut in capital gains taxes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, (Reuters). A US House of Representatives committee yesterday approved a cut in capital gains taxes supported by President George Bush but bitterly opposed by congressional Democrats.

The Ways and Means Committee voted 19 to 17 in favour of the cuts, which would lower capital gains taxes to about 20 per cent from 28 per cent for assets held for one year and sold between Sept 14, 1989, and Dec 31, 1991.

After that the tax on profits such as those from sales of stock or property would rise to 28 per cent but would not be paid on profits due to inflation.

Opponents, including Democratic whip Richard Gephardt, predicted a major fight to block the measure becoming law.

"There will be a co-ordinated attempt to beat this back on the floor," he told reporters.

The alternatives may include expansion of tax-free savings for retirement or higher taxes on the wealthy, he added.

## Tough terms set for Abu Dhabi investment in Japan

## Plans to secure Gulf oil supplies

ABU DHABI, Sept. 15, (Agencies). The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) has asked for long-term supplies, competitive prices and a stake in oilfields as conditions for Abu Dhabi to invest in Japanese refineries, according to officials here yesterday.

The three conditions were laid by Naoki Kuroda, director-general of petroleum at MITI, during a visit to the emirate this week with Mohammed Habrushi, head of the Abu Dhabi Finance Department and chairman of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

"Habrushi expressed 'keen' interest in Japanese refineries and asked MITI for blocking foreign investments by imposing 'very difficult conditions', officials close to the meeting said, adding that the meeting between Abu Dhabi and MITI was the second this year.

A Japanese embassy official here said that MITI's "basic stand" was that it would agree to the investment if the following conditions were met by Abu

Dhabi: a guarantee of long-term supplies, "cheap" crude prices to expand the narrowing profit margin for Japanese refineries as a result of tough competition, and support for long-term relations between Abu Dhabi and Japan, with Japanese refineries having a stake in some oilfields in Abu Dhabi.

Officials said that Abu Dhabi, which owns over 100 billion barrels of proven reserves, had "always" worked to assure its clients of security of supplies, but would insist on selling crudes at "available market prices."

Habrushi, who is also a member of Abu Dhabi's Supreme Petroleum Council, gave no answer to Kuroda but both agreed to conduct further talks.

Abu Dhabi, one of the seven emirates forming the federation of the United Arab Emirates, is the largest oil producer in the country. It has maintained its position in the last three years as Japan's first crude oil supplier.

Japan is moving ahead with plans to open its lucrative domestic oil market to foreign oil-rich

Gulf states and secure oil supplies from there in the 1990s, oil industry sources in the Gulf said. They said a director-general of Japan's MITI met officials in Abu Dhabi to outline conditions for the Gulf states' participation in Japan's growing retail products market by buying shares in refineries.

The sources said the conditions were a guarantee of long-term supplies and participation by Japanese firms in Abu Dhabi oil production.

The conditions were outlined by a MITI director-general, Naoki Kuroda, at the meeting this week with Abu Dhabi's oil and financial authorities, the sources said.

Japan depends on Gulf oil supplies for almost two-thirds of its oil imports. Abu Dhabi, Japan's biggest supplier, accounts for about 18 per cent of Japan's 3.3 million barrels per day consumption.

Oil industry sources said Abu Dhabi showed interest in invest-

ing in Japan's refineries, but both sides decided to have further talks on the subject. Other big Gulf oil producers, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, both involved in downstream activities in Europe and the US, had also shown interest to enter Japan's domestic market, they said.

Another MITI director-general toured Gulf oil producer states last February to outline Japan's intentions.

Japan's wholesale prices in August remained unchanged from July but prices of domestic products climbed 2.8 per cent over a year ago, marking the sharpest rise in more than eight years, the Bank of Japan reported today.

Bank officials said wholesale prices in August normally remain steady because of slow business activity in the summer holiday season.

The officials predicted a substantial rise in September in view of such factors as the yen's fall against the dollar.

## Nahas to be judged in absentia

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 15, (Reuters). Naji Nahas, the Lebanese-born speculator who sparked a crisis in Brazil's financial exchanges in June and then disappeared, will be judged in absentia, a court spokesman said yesterday.

Nahas, one of Brazil's top investors, rocked the nation's once stable exchanges when he stopped payment on cheques totalling \$29 million. The move forced authorities to close the stock and options market on June 12.

He has been charged under Brazil's white-collar crime law and could be sentenced to between two and 10 years in prison for manipulating the market and bouncing cheques.

Nahas, who is a Brazilian citizen, was last seen outside his Sao Paulo home on July 19.

He was due to appear in court on Wednesday for questioning. Federal Judge Augusto Guilherme Diefenthaler determined his case would be judged in absentia, as mandated by Brazilian law.

## Bundespost offers 500 jobs for East Germans

## Refugees leave Bonn jobless out in cold

BONN, Sept. 15, (Reuters). Thousands of East German refugees who arrived in the west this week have jumped West Germany's two-million-long unemployment queue, pushing the local jobless further down the line for work.

The more than 13,000 refugees who have arrived since Hungary opened its borders on Sunday night have been greeted with open arms by employers eager for their skills and ambition.

"It's as if we didn't have any unemployed here, just too many job vacancies," said a Red Cross official in Passau, the town where most refugees are arriving.

West Germany's unemployment rate has stuck close to the two million mark since 1982. But many of the jobless are long-term unemployed who are either too old, unskilled or unmotivated to find work.

A Passau Labour Office official expressed the widespread feeling that the refugees still had the traditional German industriousness that his richer countrymen had lost. "Out of our two million unemployed, one million don't want to work—out of those coming over, it's only one per cent," he said.

Economists said the fact that Passau's local newspaper could print a supplement with 8,000 offers for the 13,000 newcomers shows there is plenty of work.

Government officials fear the influx this year of over 100,000 East German refugees and around 350,000 ethnic Germans from Eastern Europe will cause resentment among West Germans.

The labour office said nearly 700,000 of the two million jobless in 1988 had been out of work for more than a year.

Economists say many of West Germany's long-term unemployed feel too old to find a job again and

are simply drawing jobless benefit until they reach pension age.

Others lack the training and motivation to find work. Many jobless in the declining industrial regions of Northern Germany are unwilling to pick up their belongings and start again in new jobs elsewhere.

By contrast, 83 per cent of recent refugees are under 40 and 86 per cent of them had learned their trades in thorough apprenticeship schemes, a government survey showed.

Once the welcome for the refugees dies down, West Germans who are unemployed, low paid or at the bottom of the queue for cheap housing could turn against the newcomers.

The far-right Republican Party, which has done well in a series of local elections, thrives on support from areas with high immigrant populations, unemployment and housing shortages.

The Federal Labour Office is campaigning to encourage employers to take on the long-term unemployed and is upset by their more enthusiastic response to the East German refugees.

"East German refugees should not receive privileged treatment," said Ursula Engelen-Kafer, the Federal Labour Office's vice president, in a recent newspaper interview.

The state-owned Post and Telephone Service, the Bundespost, is offering 500 jobs exclusively for East Germans.

But officials say the privileged treatment only reflects the better qualifications and drive of the East Germans.

"These people are motivated and are very ready to learn," Albert Weinmann, an official at the Passau Labour Office said.

## Indian economy skates towards thin ice

NEW DELHI, Sept. 15, (Reuters). The Indian economy is skating towards thin ice but Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's eyes are firmly on a general election due by the end of the year and political analysts say that gives him little room to manoeuvre.

Despite a second successive year of good monsoon rains, high economic growth and booming exports, India's short-term balance of payments position is critical, said economist Vasant Chitale, a director of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India.

Foreign exchange reserves have declined steadily for more than a year and dropped sharply in August, according to a Western diplomat who tracks the Indian economy closely.

His figures show reserves, excluding gold, dropped to \$3.69 billion August from \$4.26 billion in July and \$4.42 billion in August last year.

He said the cause of the haemorrhage was unclear but probably stemmed from a combination of higher debt repayments, slower aid flows and lower remittances from Indians working abroad.

"Things are a lot tighter than a lot of people would like us to think. They are not far from where a prudent person would say

it is time to get some more cover," he said. "They are skating towards thin ice and they might not be able to turn around before they fall in," agreed a senior international economist.

With reserves worth less than two months of imports, he said the government at least should be bolstering its coffers with commercial borrowings but did not appear to be doing so.

"Last September these guys were running around borrowing like crazy. This year it has not happened at all."

Economist Chitale said extra borrowing would be politically dangerous for a government facing an election.

Chief government economic adviser Nitin Desai rejected suggestions that India would eventually have to go to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a \$3 to 4 billion loan.

"We see the question as a correction of the trade account and not extra borrowing," he said in an interview.

In its annual report last week, the Reserve Bank of India, the central bank, called the balance of payments situation a matter for concern.

"It may be that they are gambling," said the diplomat. "They are not about to go

and borrow money from the IMF. That would be the kiss of death politically. They are going to muddle through until after the election."

Economists are agreed that in the long term the Indian economy has a lot going for it.

Desai held out the promise of the country beginning to export more than it imports within five years and said all trends were going the right way.

"By and large things are on track," he said. "On the exports front the momentum is good, the (wholesale) inflation rate is less than six per cent on an annual rate and industry is buoyant."

Gross domestic product (GDP), the value of goods and services produced in the economy, grew 10 per cent in the 1988/89 fiscal year which ended in March as the economy rebounded from a severe drought in 1987.

The Reserve Bank and economists project GDP to grow between five and six per cent this year.

The main thrust of government policy is to export itself out of trouble. To an extent it has succeeded by clamping down on the growth of the trade deficit in the first half of 1989.

Official figures show exports were 202.81 billion rupees (\$12.3 billion) in 1988-89 and imports 276.93 billion rupees (\$16.8 billion), leaving a deficit of 74.12 billion rupees (\$4.5 billion) against 66.24 billion rupees (\$4 billion) the year before.

In rupee terms, exports have grown a phenomenal 40 per cent so far this year, but in dollars the rise is only 16 per cent after taking into account the decline of the Indian currency. Imports are nearly flat in dollar terms.

The World Bank, Indian business organisations and stock markets are all urging Gandhi to continue liberalising the economy, long largely state-directed, but analysts say he will find it much tougher.

Most political analysts expect Gandhi's Congress (I) Party to gain at best a bare majority in the elections or be forced to rely on coalition allies who will hamper bold initiatives.

"The process of deregulation, liberalisation and dismantling of controls will be difficult if not impossible," Chitale said. "The speed at which we would like to reform the system will slow down."

Others say many of the easy reforms have already been carried out and the next round will involve some hard decisions for whoever is in power.



Illegal strike

The Quebec municipal police try to wrestle against employees of Quebec government SFPO union against their illegal strike on Tuesday with 300,000 other members in front of Complexe 'G' government building in Quebec city (Reuter wirephoto)

## Bombay prices

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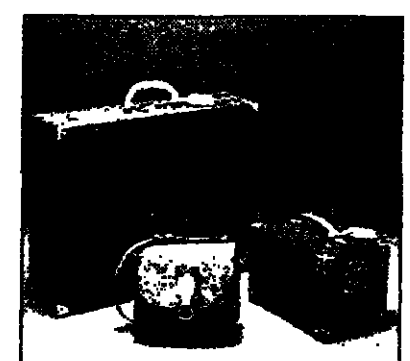
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## EVENTS

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
**Al Shaab Pharmacy**  
 Fahd Al Salem Street,  
 Property of late Sheikh  
 Ahmad Al Jaber  
**Al Qasbi Pharmacy**  
 Mubarakia, Palestine  
 Street, Property of Adnan  
 Abdul Aziz  
**Nigra and Hawalli**  
**Hawalli Pharmacy**  
 Hawalli, Tunis Street, Al  
 Hashmi Building  
**Sakhiya and Rumaythiya**  
**Al Qods Pharmacy**  
 Extension of Amman Street,  
 Abdul Karim Al Mezal Build-  
 ing  
**Fahabeh and Ahmadi**  
**Sadaf Pharmacy**  
 Fahabeh, Makkah Street,  
 Property of Faisal Al Daboo  
 Old Khaitan  
**Al Ahram Pharmacy**  
 Old Khaitan, Block 2,  
 Property of Sulaiman Saleh  
 Jabra  
**Al Zahra Pharmacy**  
 Jahra, The New Commercial  
 Market

## CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
 Draget  
**Sakhiya**  
 Hall Booked  
**Al Hamra**  
 Wild Force  
**Drive-In**  
 Arabic Film  
**Al Firdous**  
 Sharman Shrimati  
**Fahabeh**  
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**Al Zahra**  
 White Ghost  
**Sakhiya**  
 Arabic Film  
**Al Andalus**  
 Penetration du Tharatu  
**Ahmadi Drive-In**  
 Arabic film

## PRAYERS

Fajr	4.13 am
Zuhr	11.43
Asr	3.13 pm
Maghreb	5.52
Isha	7.10

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (2232) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

## The FCC's moments of glee

By Ma Zuzette Vassallo

FORMIDABLE! Unbeatable! Irresistibly awe-inspiring! — These are but some of the complimentary praises uttered by the hordes of onlookers who played witness to FCC's (Filipino Cultural Club) encore of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" last Sept 8, 1989, at the significant Al Jahra Ballroom of the Meridian Hotel.

Truly, the ingenuity and authenticity of

the entire performance was beyond comparison. At one glance, the gleaming enduring smiles and untiring bravado of each and everyone, involved gave much impetus to the entire affair, thereby, leaving the audience all agape!

Notably, Toulis Matig. A is an enigma! His craftsmanship is par excellence and there was never a dull moment. During the presentation, likewise, Joey Surente's

"SISA" was highly commendable. The mini-play was very realistic in the deepest sense and hair-raising.

Audible cries for an encore are now heard from a distance. With full sincerity, FCC will never turn you down, yet somehow, give them their much needed break. At this point in time, they are cooking up something different, ever-unique and worth of your time. "Amadeus" is now in

full swing. Typically, FCC's new innovation. Also, keep watch for their Christmas offering — "Fiesta Extravaganza '89" before the year comes to a close.

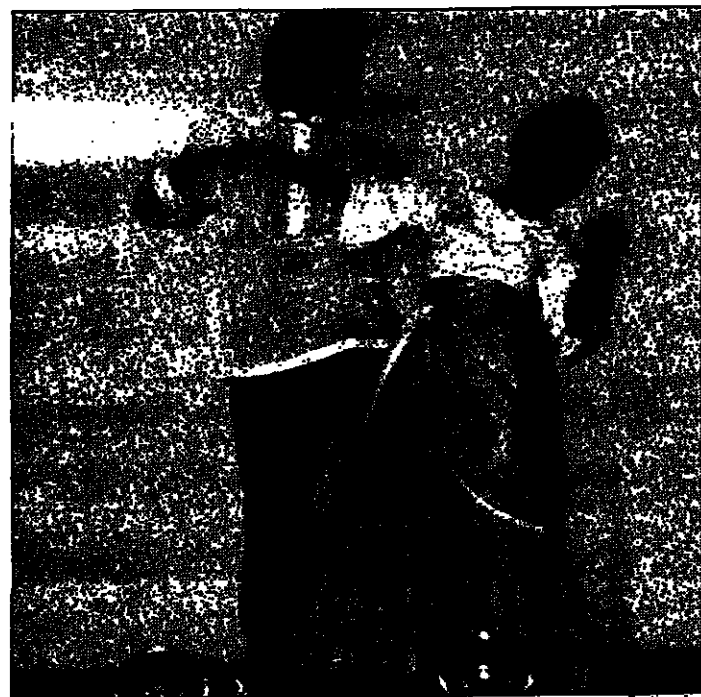
From Buddy Patungan, executive director "In the World of Entertainment, we will always be here to offer you the best we have. Talent-wise and where credibility is concerned, look up to us at FCC — It is always for you!"



FCC executive director Buddy Patungan shows his versatility by participating in the national dance — "Tinikling".



An overwhelmed spectator tries to display what she knows about popular national dance of the Philippines "Tinikling".



Both faces aglow — Mariss and Ariel.



Polkabal — lively and inspiring.

## 9.00 The Opening and Holy Quran

9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim: Children Cultural Programme

10.00 Magazine D'Actualite

10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt

Al Dhay: Arabic Serial (Part 7)

11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

11.15 Achlah Wamlah: Local Serial (part 2)

12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety

12.15 Television: Arabic Serial (part 1) starring Mohammed Al Qaysi, Amal Taha and Aziz Kareem

1.00 News Summary

1.05 The World Today Via Satellite

Evening

4.45 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon Serial (last Part)

5.15 Cartoons

5.45 Religious Feature

6.15 Nihayat Saif: Arabic Serial (part 1), starring Abeer Issa, Rouhi Al Safadi, Anwar Khaleel, Mahmood Abu Ghayeb

7.35 Noor Al Islam: Religious Programme

8.05 Shuara Al Saf Al Thani: Cultural Programme, starring Ashraf Abdul Ghafoor, Fayza Kamal and Karim Mutaw

9.00 Arabic News

9.45 Wajeda: Wa Sameh: Arabic Serial (Part 5)

10.30 Al Mohakama: Arabic late Night Feature, Part 2, starring Nawal Abu Al Fotouh, Majdi Wahba, Madeeha Hamdi

12.15 News Summary

12.20 The World Today via Satellite

6.00 Opening: Announcements, Holy Quran

6.10 Popstar: A cartoon for children

6.30 3-2-1 Contact: A look at mechanics of motion - trains, snakes etc. How giant vessels berth on piers

7.00 Wild World Of Animals: "Badger Country" The badger is a North American predator. It preys on burrowing animals like the prairie dog, ground squirrel or marmot. Badgers are famous for their courage — they will attack rattlesnakes if threatened.

7.30 Full House "Beach Boy Bingo" D.G. daughters participate in Beach boys bingo with their uncle and father.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Starman: "Fathers And Sons" While on a photo assignment in California, Starman discovers information about Paul Forrester's radical pasts including a son Forrester fathered during that turbulent era.

9.30 The Nuclear Age: "Visions of Peace." A look at the Strategic Defence Initiative of stars war strategy and the reaction made by Western countries towards new Russian peaceful initiatives.

10.30 TV Movie: "After The Promise" Starring: Dana Scaroid, Mark Harmon. A mother dies leaving four young children under their father's care who meets many difficulties in raising them until he finds the right solution!

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
 Open Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.  
**Islamic Arts Museum**  
 SAT - Thurs, 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and miniature equipment.

**Tareq Museum**  
 SAT - Thurs, 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection of Islamic artefacts, costumes and the Muslim

**Sadaf House**  
 SAT - Thurs, 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits of Islamic artefacts, costumes and the Muslim

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Mouchak at Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City on Nov 2 and 3. Tel. 5625456, 4893424, 4744490, 4742656, 4315759 for more details.

## SOCIAL

## Pakistani Arts Circle

A SERIES of programmes is being organised by the Pakistan Arts Circle, which includes mushairas, musical varieties, literary discussions, etc.

Families are most welcome. Please register your names on Tel. Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or 4716258.

**Ahmadi Musical Society**  
 REHEARSALS for the 1989/90 season will start on Saturday 16th September, at 7.30 pm at the Kuwait Little Theatre, Ahmadi. New singers welcome. For further details ring 3912384.

**The Kuwait Players**  
 AUDITIONS will be held at 8 pm on 16th September, 1989 in Al Fawz Room of the Messilah Beach Hotel for "Barefoot in the Park" a comedy by Neil Simon to be directed by Neil Winston. Anyone interested in participating in any way in this production is invited to attend. For further information ring 5740256/7 or 5625316.

**Barbecue at MBH**  
 WELCOME back to old and new. Over 15 clubs represented. So come along if you want to find out which organisation is for you. Tickets only. No children. September 20, 1989 — 7.30 pm onwards. For more details contact Messilah Beach Hotel on 5624111 Ext 711 or 739.

**Kuwait Singers**  
 KUWAIT Singers commence rehearsals for their seasonal concert on Monday, September 18, at the Gulf English School, Salwa.

New members particularly welcome. For further information contact Tel. 5384873 or 4884134.

**Konkani drama**  
 NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GDA presents M. Boyer's "Chintam Zallim Sopan" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa "Jacinto Vaz" along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tick-

ets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

## Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

**Filicheck chess**  
 SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filicheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

## Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**British Council**  
 Defence of the Realm  
 Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm, 9.2 min.

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole," his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

**Free Tailoring Class**  
 Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapiliku) will hold their free tailoring class to all bonafide Kapiliku members beginning Friday, September 22 at Far East Restaurant from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. This self-improvement course is one of the many projects by Kapiliku. The class will run every Friday and end on October 3. All materials needed for the class

are given free to all participants. Master cutting, Barong Tagalog and executive suits will be covered in the course. For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447. Deadline for registration will be on September 15.

**Spoken Arabic**  
 The Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is starting to offer spoken Arabic classes for non-native speakers. The programme, starting in October 89, is for beginners and having intermediate knowledge in colloquial conversation. The registration will start on 16th September, 1989. Those who are interested please contact on telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext. 243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455, 457; 2411383.

**Palarong Pilipino Annual**  
 All the winners in the just concluded Palarong Pilipino organised by the Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapiliku) should submit their pictures on or before September 22 to Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President of Media and External Affairs and the Chairman of the 9th Palarong Pilipino Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must be coloured and the size is 5"x7" with their officials and players and for the individual, it must be coloured and the size is also 5"x7".

Sponsors and donors who may wish to place ads must contact Sarah Macarimbang, Vice-President for Social and Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

**Kapiliku Night**  
 The Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapiliku) will hold their Kapiliku Night on Friday, September 29 in Holiday Inn Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing contest is open to all Filipinos and the competition is divided into two categories, namely, Bagong Kampeon (regular singing contest) and Sing-Alike. The first three winners in each division will receive valuable prizes from the sponsors. Interested participants are requested to contact VP Sarah Macarimbang the chairperson at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at 2433595, the co-ordinator.

All previous winners are requested to contact the chairperson for the rehearsal on the forthcoming Grand Final on October 20.

Rehearsals and auditions for all Kapiliku Night contestants will be on Friday, September 15 at Far East Restaurant at 10.00 am.

## D'Aassiel Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Aassiel ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

## Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children's programme at 5 pm from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other programmes start with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

## British Council

Around the world with Willy Fog: Wednesday, 20 September at 6 pm, Thursday 21 September at 10.30 am (52 min). This is a charming adaptation of Jules Verne's classic novel "Around the World in Eighty Days", with one major difference. All the characters are animals. Willy Fog, an elegant gentleman, offers a bet of half of his fortune that he can go around the world in 80 days. Accompanied by his French valet, Rigodon, and their small companion with a big heart, Tico, they set off in an incredible trip around the world.

Defence of the Realm: Saturday, 16 September and Sunday, 17 September at 6.30 pm (92 min).

What are they prepared to cover up in "Defence of the Realm"? When a respected journalist dies in mysterious circumstances after meeting a government "mole," his fellow reporter is determined to find out why. But each lead only raises more questions! A superb British thriller.

The British Council presents "Briefing on Britain". A special

presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel. 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

## Moods &amp; Melody

"Moods & Melody" performs, "Geet Maala" — a presentation of pop songs from Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films — on 12th October 1989 at Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Funaites at 7.00 pm. For more details contact Tel. 4338579 and 2407418, after 4.00 pm.

## Gala

Dec 8: Expatriates Club will hold a gala social for children and adults at the Tent, SAS Hotel. Fifty-five attractive hamper prizes and other gifts will be given away.

## HOTELS

## Holiday Inn

At the Coffee Shop: A variety of Continental and Oriental cuisine to suite everyone's taste for lunch or dinner at KD5 per pax and half price for children.

Al Andalus: Thursdays — Arabian Night — Savour the exotic food especially prepared for the night. Our local entertainers provides wonderful music.

Family brunch: Calling all kids — come and join a great party every Friday. It's our Friday brunch party and everyone is invited. Come and enjoy entertainment from Walt Disney cartoon characters plus magic by the Great Magician. Prizes and surprises awaits each kid. Price — KD5 for adults, and half per kid.

At the swimming pool: From 8.30 pm spend a great night out by the pool to soothe the summer heat. Barbecue — music — games — prizes and surprises plus our delicious and yummy, yummy Shahrazad barbecue. Come all and join the fun. At only KD5.500 per pax and KD2.750 for kids. You will have great summer time.

## Kuwait International

Afternoon Tea: Served at La Patinerie from 3 pm to 6 pm. Offers the finest teas, delicious salmon and cucumber sandwiches, mouth watering pastries and not to forget those delicious scones, strawberry jam and lovely fresh cream. Pianist and harpist in the evenings.

Perrier Promotion: For that tingling taste one can try Perrier Lemon, Perrier Lime, Perrier Lime and fresh kiwi juice, Perrier and apple juice or a variety of other creations. Served in all the outlets.

Falaka: Daily Chef's Special for lunch and dinner. Special mezzeh buffet on Thursday evenings. Live entertainment during dinner.

La Palma: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Telephone: 2530000/2533006.

## SAS

Al Ghazee: Take the unique opportunity and experience the old Kuwaiti seafaring traditions. Have an exhilarating trip on our superb show "Al Ghazee" available for full day and half day trip along the Gulf coastline. For bookings, please call up 5657000 ext. 416.

Al Boom: Come on board Al Boom and have a feast. Try our freshly baked Arabic bread, extensive mezzeh buffet and wide selections of grilled items or take your pick from our daily Al Boom specials. Take your della coffee and relax at the diwan or enjoy a puff at the hubble bubble pipe. For reservations, please call up 5657000 ext. 403 or 540.

Peacock Room: Visit the Far East with SAS, visit our Peacock Room. Offers wide varieties of delectable Chinese specialties. Open for lunch and dinner daily. For reservations, pls. call 5657000 ext. 403 or 532.

Bistretto: Have a taste of Italy. Visit the Bistretto, SAS hotel's specialty restaurant. Offers great tasting pastas, pizzas and soother Italian favourites. Continental and international dishes are also

available. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We also have brunch every Friday.

Clock: Drive through the Clock and order your choice fast food items. Juicy burgers, chicken tikka, crispy French fries and lots of other items we can serve you on the dot.

## SPORTS

## Kuwait Nomads R.F.C.

(Rugby Football Club). We are looking for wings, props, centres or any other positions to join the Gulf's most successful team. Training is on Sunday and Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm. For details/directions phone Graham Adams at 5644533 or Steve Hutchinson at 3721540.

## Boys Own Club

Boys Own Club are happy to announce that entries are open for the 5th Annual Seven-A-Side Football Festival to be held on 12th October 1989, at Sour Ground.

This tournament has been sponsored by Tony White, general manager of M/S Kuwaiti British Readymix Co.

Teams wishing to enter this tournament can, contact Joe D'Souza on Tel. 4813622/25 ext. 147.

**Holiday Inn Health Club and Recreation Centre**  
 Swimming lessons available all year round with qualified swimming instructors. Open to non-members. Mon, Tues, Wed, 3.30 to 5.30. Beginners, improvers, adults mixed keep fit classes, Wed 5-6, Thurs 6-7, Fri 12-1 and 1-2, Sat 5-6. Ladies keep fit, Mon 5-6, Tues 5-6, Fri 5-6 and Sun 5.30 - 6.30. Martial Arts w/black belt instructor Mon-Wed. Tackwondo Sat-Mon 7-8, Thurs 5-6. Bowling alley available for private company and community tournaments. Five squash courts. Squash handicap every Sunday start 6 pm — all standards, open to non-members. Squash coaching available from professional coach everyday, from 1 pm. Massage for men and women. Gym facilities for men and women. Tennis courts — coaching available. Plus lots more. Phone for further details.

Recreation Manager, 4742000 ext. 6788, Julie Dent or 6700 recreation.









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## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## British athlete

LONDON, Sept 15, (Reuters): Briton Sebastian Coe, the only man to retain the Olympic 1,500 metres title, said yesterday he would compete in next year's Auckland Commonwealth Games.

## Vincent elected

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Sept 15, (Reuters): Francis T. 'Fay' Vincent, who was elected by Major League club owners on Wednesday to serve as commissioner of baseball, accepted his new position with mixed emotions.

## Ruling body

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 15, (Reuters): South Africa will probably be suspended from world tennis ruling body instead of being expelled. African delegates to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) annual general meeting said on Wednesday.

## Australian Open

SYDNEY, Australia, Sept 15, (AP): Andre Agassi has confirmed he will compete in the Australian Open in January, tournament officials said today.

## Maleeva wins

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept 15, (Reuters): Second-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, raced past West German Eva Pfaff 6-3, 6-1 and Argentine teenager Florencia Labat upset seventh-seeded Dinky van Rensburg of South Africa yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the Arizona Women's Tennis Championship.

## Boston Classic

SUTTON, Massachusetts, Sept 15, (Reuters): John Mahaffey continued his good fortune at the \$700,000 Boston Classic by firing a six-under-par 65 for a share of the lead after the opening round yesterday.

## LPGA tourney

KENT, Washington, Sept 15, (Reuters): Chris Johnson and Shirley Furlong both fired six-under-par 66s yesterday to share a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the \$300,000 LPGA tournament at the 6,222-yard Meridian Valley Country Club.

## Olympic boxer

LAS VEGAS, Sept 15, (AP): Olympic boxing gold medalist Kennedy McKinney, dropped by his manager and promoter after his last professional fight, was arrested after he and two others allegedly tried to kidnap a 15-year-old girl, police said.

## Brazil boss

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 15, (Reuters): Sebastiao Lazaroni, whose contract expired after guiding Brazil to the World Cup soccer finals, is confident he will be in charge of the team in Italy next year.

## Cup qualifier

MIAMI, Sept 15, (UPI): After a delay of more than two months, the United States finally gets to play El Salvador Sunday in a World Cup qualifying game critical to the Americans' chances of advancing to Italy in 1990.

## Liverpool striker

BILBAO, Spain, Sept 15, (Reuters): Liverpool striker John Aldridge arrived in Spain yesterday to join First Division side Real Sociedad.

## E. German 'keeper

PASSAU, West Germany, Sept 15, (UPI): East German goalkeeper Jens Welzer of First Division soccer club FC Karl-Marx Stadt escaped to West Germany in the exodus of East Germans via Hungary that started Monday.

## Sapporo Open

TOKYO, Sept 15, (Reuters): Briton Ian Woosnam warmed up for next week's Ryder Cup with the day's best round of 67 to move into second place today in the \$480,000 Sapporo Open golf tournament.

## Italian player

ROME, Sept 15, (Reuters): Italy's manager Azeglio Vicini called upon Massimo Crippa today to strengthen the midfield for next Wednesday's friendly against Bulgaria in Caserta as his side start preparing in earnest for next year's World Cup soccer finals.

## Exhibition sport

ST-NON-LA-BRETECHE, France, Sept 15, (Reuters): Golf will be an exhibition sport at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. Claude-Roger Carrier, president of the newly-formed World Golf Association (WGA), announced today.

## Kankkunen ahead

PERTH, Australia, Sept 15, (AP): Two-time world champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland continued to dominate Australia's first world championship auto rally today, taking a 79 second lead after the first eight stages.

## Fraser and Wells take seven wickets each

LONDON, Sept 15, (Reuters): Angus Fraser, who rose to the top of the English bowling ranks this summer, took a career-best seven for 77 for Middlesex in their County Cricket Championship match against Kent yesterday.

On a rain-shortened second day, paceman Fraser restricted Kent to a first innings total of 241.

Middlesex reached 124 for three in reply, rescued by some brilliant batting from Mark Ramprakash. He made 44 not out after a shaky start which saw the visitors struggle to 54 for three.

Sussex seamer Colin Wells took seven for 82 in a Surrey total of 385 at the Oval.

Alec Stewart was robbed of a double century by just one run. Running at 171 not out, he ran out of partners at 199 not out as wells disposed of the Surrey tail

## Once-mighty Steelers looking to change their luck

NEW YORK, Sept 15, (AP): So you think things can't be much worse for Pittsburgh Steelers. Look again.

The Steelers were handed their most embarrassing loss ever on opening day, a 51-0 rout at home against Cleveland. Now Pittsburgh gets to go on the road, to Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati, dubbed "The Jungle," where the visitor eating Bengals await.

Pittsburgh is just 2-7 at Riverfront since

1979 and lost there 42-7 last Nov. 6.

"I'll tell you, it's going to be a big crisis if we don't snap out of what we're doing and get it done," coach Chuck Noll said.

The Bengals, who won all 10 of their home games last year on the way to the AFC Championship, are not happy after an opening 17-4 loss at Chicago — a game they felt they should have won.

"It boiled down to everybody having a play or two they can improve on," coach

Sam Wyche said. "I think we played a tremendous game. But we were playing a tremendous football team."

They're not playing one this week, though. The Steelers are a far cry from the team that dominated football in the 1970s. They have rookies, three of them starters, and 12 first-year starters.

"When you get beat 51-0, it's hard to find anything good to come out of it," defensive back Dwayne Woodruff said. "The good

thing is we can come back and play good against Cincinnati... we're a confident team."

So, obviously, is Cleveland, which faces the New York Jets on Sunday. Browns coach Bud Carson was the Jets' defensive co-ordinator before landing his first NFL head coaching job at the age of 58.

"It will be an emotional game. But they'll count on me, no matter who they are. You can't afford to make any game too big,"

Carson said.

Carson even dismisses last week's romp, although the mention of the 21 points produced by his defense makes him smile.

"It was the type of thing that happens once in a lifetime," he said.

The Jets better hope so. Their offense is undermanned at receiver and their improved line must cope with the blitzing and stunning that Marks Carson's defensive plans.

Elsewhere Sunday, it is Indianapolis at the Los Angeles Rams, Dallas at Atlanta, the Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City, Miami at New England, New Orleans at Green Bay, Philadelphia at Washington, San Francisco at Tampa Bay, Detroit at the New York Giants, Minnesota at Chicago, Phoenix at Seattle and Houston at San Diego. The Monday night game has Denver at Buffalo.

## Sulayem goes out of rally

## Al Mosawi finishes first

AMMAN: Qatar's Abbas Al Mosawi yesterday scored a convincing victory in the BP Trophy 2000 Jordan Rally, finishing more than two minutes ahead of his nearest rival, Lebanon's Michel Saleh.

Claiming a marvellous third place on his rally-driving debut was another Qatari, 19-year-old Naser Al Atiyya. He fought his way up after Middle East champion Mohammed bin Sulayem went out of the rally when his Winston Toyota Landcruiser was halted by gearbox problems.

Until his premature exit, Sulayem had been making a bold challenge in a newly-prepared vehicle which was being tested for the first time in a competitive event.

Mosawi's victory at the wheel of a Mitsubishi Marlboro Pajero in the second round of the Marlboro Desert Challenge gave him a commanding lead in the series, which he won last year. "Everything went very smoothly — I had no problems," said the Qatari at the finish.

Fourth yesterday was top Kuwaiti challenger Tariq Al Wazzan followed by Saudi Arabia's Mohammed Al Malki, both driving Pajeros. Completing a splendid day for their country, Qataris Jabbar Al Marri,

Mohammed Al Mannai and Sheikh Hamad bin Eid filled the next three positions.

Sulayem's disappointment was shared by Jordanian rally spectators who had turned out in good numbers to see their favourite foreign driver.

"I know there were a lot of people here willing to win, but it was not to be this time," said the Winston Toyota star. "The tyres I needed did not arrive in time and the ones I drove on had no grip when cornering. That's where I was losing



Al Mosawi: on his way to victory

time to Abbas and Michel. With the correct tyres I would have been three seconds per kilometre faster — at least. Even so, I was going well in third position when the gearbox casing broke on the sixth special stage and the car stopped completely."

Mosawi clearly benefitted from having the perfect tyres for the conditions, a factor which Saleh had predicted would give him a big advantage. His closest rival in the Desert Challenge, Saudi Arabia's Mamdouh Al Khayyat, retired with engine failure on the third special stage.

Provisional results: 1. Abbas Al Mosawi (Qat)/ Mohammed Omar (UAE) Mitsubishi Pajero 1 hr 14 mins 27 secs; 2. Michel Saleh (Leb)/ Mubarak Al Hajri (Qat) Range Rover 1:18:38; 3. Naser Al Atiyya/Abdullah Al Marri (Qat) Nissan Patrol 1:23:06; 4. Tariq Al Wazzan/Khalid Khalifa (Kwt) Mitsubishi Pajero 1:27:10; 5. Mohammed Al Malki (Saudi) George Sarayan (Bah) Mitsubishi Pajero 1:32:02; 6. Jabbar Al Marri/Hamad Al Marri (Qat) Nissan Pathfinder 1:34:34; 7. Mohammed Al Mannai/Mohammed Y. Al Mannai (Qat) Nissan Patrol 1:37:23; 8. Sh. Hamad bin Eid/Hasan Yacoub (Qat) Range Rover 1:40:30.

## Jansher blasts Eyles

HONG KONG, Sept 15, (Reuters): Arch-rivals Jansher Khan of Pakistan and Australia's Chris Dittmar edged closer to a showdown with accomplished quarter-final victories in the Hong Kong Open Squash Championship today.

Top seed and defending champion Jansher produced his confident best as he crushed Australian Rodney Eyles 15-12 15-10 15-10.

Dittmar was even more impressive as he brought England's Jamie Hickox crashing back to earth following his surprise second-round win over former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand. The second seed took just 28 minutes to beat Hickox 15-3 15-8 15-1 with superb shot-making

and positional play.

In tomorrow's semifinals, Jansher will play fourth-seeded Australian Chris Robertson, who defeated the Pakistani in straight games at the British Open in April.

"I'm confident I can beat him again, although it will be a very tough game," said Robertson after his 15-8 15-6 15-6 quarterfinal win over Rory Watt of New Zealand.

Dittmar faces his compatriot Rodney Martin in the other semifinal.

The third seed, and winner here in 1986, recovered from a game down to beat his brother Brett 10-15 15-11 15-12.

## Brazil defeat Colombia to increase lead

PERTH, Australia, Sept 15, (Reuters): Brazil increased their overnight lead today beating Colombia 25-4 in the 10th round of the Bermuda Bowl world bridge championships, but the struggle for second and third places remained undecided.

In a key match against France, New Zealand started poorly, recovered brilliantly but collapsed on the last deal to lose 16-14. This leaves France locked in second place with Australia, who beat Canada 22-8 as Taiwan lost important ground in a 17-13 defeat by Egypt.

In the Venice Cup women's series, the Netherlands appeared certain to face seeded West Germany in the semifinals, leaving the other qualifying team, yet to be determined, to meet the United States, the defending champions.

Netherlands recovered from a halftime deficit to beat Taiwan 23-7, setting a world record winning run.

Australia beat Colombia 25-3, Brazil beat India 22-8 and New Zealand beat Canada 18-12. Bermuda Bowl standings after 10 rounds with four rounds remaining:

1. Brazil 196
  2. France and Australia 180
  4. Taiwan 167
  5. Egypt 138
  6. New Zealand 134
  7. Canada 103
  8. Colombia 82.5
- Venice Cup standings:
1. Netherlands 224
  2. Australia 173
  3. Australia 165
  4. Brazil 148
  5. Taiwan 130
  6. New Zealand 127
  7. India 107
  8. Colombia 105.

## Kuwait triumph

SEOUL, Sept 15, (Reuters): Results on the first day of the fifth Asian men's volleyball championship today: Group A: South Korea beat Bahrain 3-0 (15-0), (15-2 15-4), Thailand beat Nepal 3-0 (15-10 15-2 15-12). Group B: Japan beat Pakistan 3-0 (15-2 15-3 15-2) New Zealand beat Bangladesh 3-0 (15-11 15-6 16-14). Group C: Australia beat Qatar 3-0 (15-4 15-7 15-6) China beat Taiwan 3-1 (14-16 15-9 16-14 15-11). Group D: Kuwait beat Sri Lanka 3-0 (15-7 15-3 15-0).



Wael Khoury (3rd left) addresses the conference. (Photo by Ahmed Burin)

30 drivers expected to take part in 1st round

## Rally season starts on Friday

By Lima Al Khatefawi

THE 1990 Kuwait National Rally Championship starts this week, with the first round on Friday, Sept 22, according to officials of the Kuwait International Automobile Club — organisers of the championship.

The 1990 championship will consist of five local rallies and one international rally, which will also be part of the Middle East Championship. In addition to these rallies, and for the first time, three separate rounds for 4x4 cars have also been scheduled. Two of these rounds will be part of the Desert Challenge, which also has rounds in Dubai, Qatar, Oman and Jordan.

Addressing a conference at the Kuwait International on Thursday, the manager of the motor sports division at the KT Club Wael Khoury and other officials of the club said that the first round would start on Friday from the Kuwait International

— the official rally hotel — at 9.00 am.

The rally will then head towards Subiya and Mutlaa areas. This rally will have two sections — six stages on the first section and four on the second separated by an hour's break for rest and maintenance.

The total distance of this rally is expected to be approximately 260 kilometres of which the special stages cover 130 kilometres. The special stages will be on unpaved roads as usual to give the drivers a chance to show their skills.

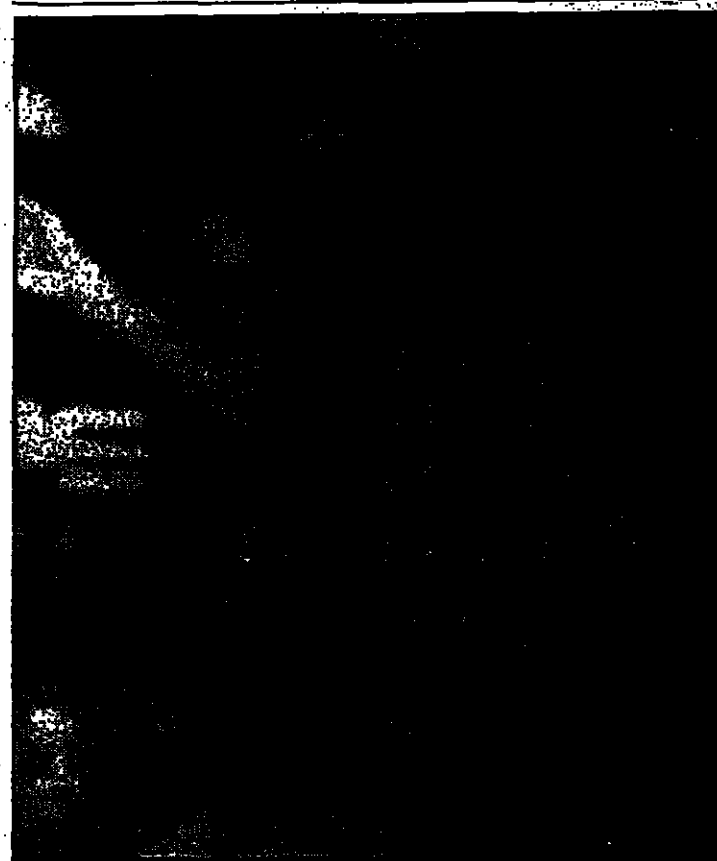
Competition will start at 9.00 am at the Kuwait International at around 9.00 am and the results will be announced at 7.00 pm. The organisers added that they expected about 30 drivers to contest the rally.

The KT Club officials thanked the Ministry of Interior for providing the necessary permits for holding the rally and also the Medical Emergency Department

and Ministry of Health for agreeing to provide the required support and necessary equipment to ensure that all the rallies run smoothly.

The KT Club was one of the first clubs in the area to organise rallies since the early 70's. Throughout the years, rallies have progressed and in 1978 the first International Rally was held in Kuwait when world champions such as Sheikh Mohammed Harry Karlstrom and Mike Ford participated in the event. A lot of companies and establishments supported rallies at that time and assisted in developing the sport in the area.

Rallies have since expanded to a lot of Middle East countries such as Dubai, Qatar, Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain and Oman when the International Automobile Sport Federation (FISA) acknowledged the Middle East Championship and considered it as one of the World Championships where international regulations are applied.



McEnroe: took home \$150,000

## McEnroe beats Edberg

LONDON, Sept 15, (UPI): Three-time Wimbledon champion John McEnroe needed just one hour and 55 minutes to defeat Swede Stefan Edberg yesterday in an exhibition match at the New London Arena, across town from the ivy-covered walls of the All England Lawn Tennis Club.

It was the first tennis match to be played at the arena, part of the redevelopment of the Docklands in London's East End. McEnroe dropped the first set, but rallied to take the best-of-three encounter 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Some 6,500 spectators shouted encouragement as McEnroe, grunting and flinging his racket to the carpet, broke Edberg in the seventh game of

the second set. The momentum shifted and the New Yorker never looked back.

"(In exhibitions) you do want to win, but you'd like to win it sort of dramatically, as opposed to just winning it easily," said McEnroe, who was bounced out of the US Open singles in the second round.

McEnroe took home the winner-takes-all purse of \$150,000, but Edberg, Wimbledon champion in 1988, took the loss in his stride.

"You're never happy when you lose, but it's all right. I've learned how to take losses. Once in a while you lose and next time you win, and that doesn't worry me too much."

## US take 2-0 Wightman Cup lead

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, Sept 15, (Reuters): American teen sensation Jennifer Capriati routed Clare Wood of Britain 6-0 6-0 yesterday to give the United States a 2-0 lead after the opening singles in the Wightman Cup women's tennis competition.

Capriati, the 13-year-old US Open junior champion, displayed the overpowering ground strokes from both sides that have brought comparisons with fellow-Floridian Chris Evert's game at the same age.

Capriati's victory followed a triumph by Lori McNeil, who beat Briton Jo Durie 7-5 6-1 to open the best-of-seven series.

"It was great fun," said Capriati, who is not eligible to turn professional until her 14th birthday next March. "I just try to go out and do my best every time."

Capriati yielded only eight points on her own serve and broke Wood twice at love in the 42-minute match. The pigeon-toed teenager from Ft Lauderdale drew

praise from both Wood and Briton captain Ann Haydon Jones.

"This was the best match I ever played against me. I tried to change the pace at times, but she was constantly able to produce great shots," said Wood, a three-year tour veteran, making her second Wightman appearance.

Haydon Jones said she admired Capriati's enthusiasm. Jenny loves the game so much she doesn't just try to end the point with winners. It's as if she's disappointed when the ball doesn't come back.

Mary Joe Fernandez, another teen-aged Floridian, was to play Sara Gomez, Britain's number two player today. Gomez and Wood will team up to play doubles against Fernandez and Betsy Nagelsen.

But the match most likely to interest the spectators will be a double exhibition match Capriati teams up with Billie Jean King against Virginia Wade and Patty Fendick.

## Mathew outlasts George

MATHEW N.C. reached the quarterfinals of the Indian Arts Circle (IAC) Badminton Tournament on Thursday after a tough fight against Cherry George.

Mathew won 15-9 15-11 but the match was even closer than the score suggests. Both the players fought for every point with Mathew prevailing in the end.

In the other men's singles match, reigning champion Remy Joseph also reached the quarterfinals with a 15-9 15-11 victory over Philip Cherian.

Other matches that proved to be of interest to the crowd saw Nirmala Nair and Cherian beat Roshni Edison and Siva Kumar 15-9 15-11 in the mixed doubles; reigning doubles champions Reji Joseph and Cherry George reached the quarterfinals with a 18-13 15-9 win over Johnson Verghese and K.S. Jose, and Bal Sharma partnered Jacob Mathew in the veterans doubles to a 15-9 15-7 victory over Dr. Srivastava and V. Venugopal for a place in the semifinals. Champions Reji Joseph and Cherry George reached in quarterfinals defeating Johnson Verghese and K.S. Jose with a score 18-13, 15-9 and the game looked like a friendly one.

Other results: Gent's singles: Siva Kumar beat Bobby Tharian 15-1, 15-4. George Chacko defeated J. Ashok Kumar 15-5, 15-4. Gents doubles: Reji Verghese and Cherian A. beat Mathew Thomas and Alex Mathew 15-4, 15-9. Mixed doubles: Remy John and John Kurian beat Simi Mathew and Mathew N.C. 15-4, 15-7. Veterans singles: Bal Sharma defeated Dr. Srivastava 15-8, 15-5. K.P.G. Kurty beat G.S. Playa 15-5, 15-9. Veterans doubles: Robert Henry and Rajan Daniel defeated R.P. Thakkar and S.K. Naji 15-5, 15-3 and entered the semifinals.

Today's fixtures: Gents' singles: Quarterfinals: Bijoy M. vs Remy Joseph; Louis Gonsalves vs Mathew N.C. Gents doubles: Remy Joseph and Louis Gonsalves vs J.S. Anand and Paul Alex. Mixed doubles (quarterfinals): Suja Verghese and Verghese Joseph vs Soha Nair and Philip Cherian. Couples doubles: Remy Tharian and Bobby Tharian vs Remy Ashok Kumar and J. Ashok Kumar or Roshni Edison and Edison Verghese. Veterans doubles: M.M. Joshi and G.S. Playa vs Rajan Daniel and Robert Henry.



Angus Fraser

with a burst of four for nine. Sussex replied with 64 without loss before the close.

Franklyn Stephenson grabbed seven for 65 as Leicestershire totalled 166 in reply to Nottinghamshire's first innings total of



Colin Wells

121. Notts were 124 for five in their second innings.

At Potterydridge: Glamorgan 230 for nine off 78.2 overs (R. Croft 45) v Worcestershire. At Canterbury: Kent 241 in

92. overs (C. Cowdrey 69, C. Penn 43, A. Fraser seven for 77). Middlesex 124 for three off 31 overs (M. Ramprakash 44 not out).

At Old Trafford: Derbyshire 292 in 86.3 overs (P. Bowler 81, P. DeFreitas four for 76). Lancashire 94 for five off 29 overs.

At the Oval: Surrey 385 in 116.4 overs (A. Stewart 199 not out, C. Wells seven for 82). Sussex 64 for no wicket (D. Smith 43 not out).

At Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire 121 in 33.4 overs and 124 for five (P. Johnson 53 not out). Leicestershire 166 in 55.1 overs (P. Whiticase 46 not out, S. Stephenson seven for 65, K. Cooper three for 32).

At Bristol: Hampshire 287 for seven off 90 overs (M. Marshall 68 not out) v Gloucestershire.

At Taunton: no play because of rain. Somerset 141 in 48.4 overs. Warwickshire 119 for one wicket off 35.4 overs.



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## SPORTS

## Lewis, Aouita to run in Indian meet

NEW DELHI, Sept 15, (Reuters): World middle-distance king Said Aouita of Morocco and sprint champion Carl Lewis will head the cast at a two-day athletics meeting in New Delhi next week, making it the country's most glittering event ever.

This is the first time in the history of Indian athletics that such a galaxy of world

class runners will be taking part in an athletic meet in India, the organisers said triumphantly yesterday.

They said Lewis' late confirmation that he and three colleagues from California's Santa Monica Club would take part in the event on September 19-20 sealed the best line-up ever offered to Indian fans.

New Delhi has staged the Asian Games and in November will be the venue of the calibre of Lewis and Aouita.

Other top athletes taking part will be double Olympic gold medalists Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Evelyn Ashford, high hurdler Renaldo Nehemiah, all of the United States, and 1,500 metre men Steve

Ovett of Britain and New Zealand's John Walker.

Lewis' Santa Monica colleagues are Danny Everett, who won the 400 metre bronze at last year's Seoul Olympics, up and coming sprinter Floyd Heard, 400 metre hurdler Kevin Young and high hurdler Cletus Clark.



## Strange enters Skins Game

NEW YORK, Sept 15, (Reuters): Curtis Strange, winner of the US Open golf championship for the past two years, has joined Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino and Ray Floyd in the annual Skins Game, the organisers announced on Wednesday.

Strange completed the four-man lineup in the \$450,000 event, which will take place November 25-26 at the PGA West course in La Quinta, California.

Under the Skins' format players compete for \$15,000 at each of the first six holes, \$25,000 for the second six and \$35,000 for the final six. If a whole is halved, the money is carried over until a player wins a whole outright.

Although Strange became the first golfer last year to win more than \$1 million in a single season, he failed to win a cent in the 1988 Skins game.

## Astros rout Dodgers

## Giants overcome Reds

NEW YORK, Sept 15, (AP): Mike Scott has been called a lot of things in his career. But never a 20-game winner — until now.

Scott became a 20-game winner for the first time in his 11-year career yesterday, leading the Houston Astros over the Los Angeles Dodgers 11-3 on a day the World Series champions were mathematically eliminated from the National League West race.

"It's something that when you're done playing, you can look back and say, 'yeah, I had one 20-game season'." Ever since I've been playing, the only goal I've had is to get into the playoffs and World Series.

Craig Biggio drove in six runs with two homers, including his first Grand Slam, in support of Scott.

Scott's victory made him the major's first 20-game winner this year and the fourth in Astros' history following Larry Dierker, J.R. Richard and Joe Niekro, who did it twice.

The Dodgers' defeat, coupled with first-place San Francisco's victory, officially ended Los Angeles' hopes of winning another championship. No World Series champion has repeated since the 1977-78 New York Yankees.

John Wetteland lost his fifth straight decision. Pirates 4, Cardinals 3.

Albert Hall, Jay Bell and Andy

van Slyke hit consecutive RBI doubles in the seventh inning, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat St. Louis before the smallest baseball crowd in Busch stadium history.

The Cardinals have lost five in a row, while the Pirates' three-game sweep stretched their winning streak to five. Pittsburgh dropped St. Louis 5-1-2 games behind first-place Chicago in the National League East.

Bob Brenly singled home Will Clark with an unearned run in the 12th inning and led the San Francisco Giants over Cincinnati, their second straight extra-inning win over the Reds.

The win reduced the magic number to 11 for the Giants, who began the day with a five-game lead over San Diego in the National League West. The Padres, who start a three-game series in Candlestick Park this evening, hosted Atlanta last night.

Clark, who had three hits, reached in the 12th when his grounder skipped off third baseman Luis Quiñones' glove for an error. Clark stole second as Kevin Mitchell struck out and Matt Williams was walked intentionally.

Braves 13, Padres 4. Tom Glavine beat San Diego for the fourth time this season and Jeff Blauser and Oddibe

McDowell each got four hits as the Atlanta Braves ended the Padres' three-game winning streak.

The Padres dropped six games behind first-place San Francisco in the National League West. San Diego starts a three-game series at Candlestick Park this evening.

Twins 2, Blue Jays 0. The last time Mark Guthrie capped a rookie sweep, the Minnesota Twins were facing a sixth-place Seattle team in the throes of a 12-game losing streak.

Yesterday, Guthrie allowed five hits in 7 1/3 innings in a 2-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays, who had entered the three-game series with 19 victories in 23 games and a two-game lead in the American League East.

"You get a little more satisfaction," Guthrie said. "It's like getting an 'A' in calculus instead of P.E."

Over the last three days, Guthrie, David West and Kevin Tapani all earned high grades by holding Toronto to 17 hits and three runs.

"All of their young pitchers improved their chances to get in the starting rotation next year," said Mike Flanagan, 8-10, who lost despite yielding only one run in six innings. "They might end up pitching six or seven seasons in the same rotation." After facing the three rookies

and losing three in a row for the first time since June 30-July 2, Toronto now is 1 1/2 games ahead of Baltimore, which lost two straight to the Chicago White Sox before having Yesterday off.

Guthrie, 2-1, got the victory with help from Jeff Reardon, who pitched a hitless 1 2/3 innings for his 30th save, making him the first reliever with five straight 30-save seasons.

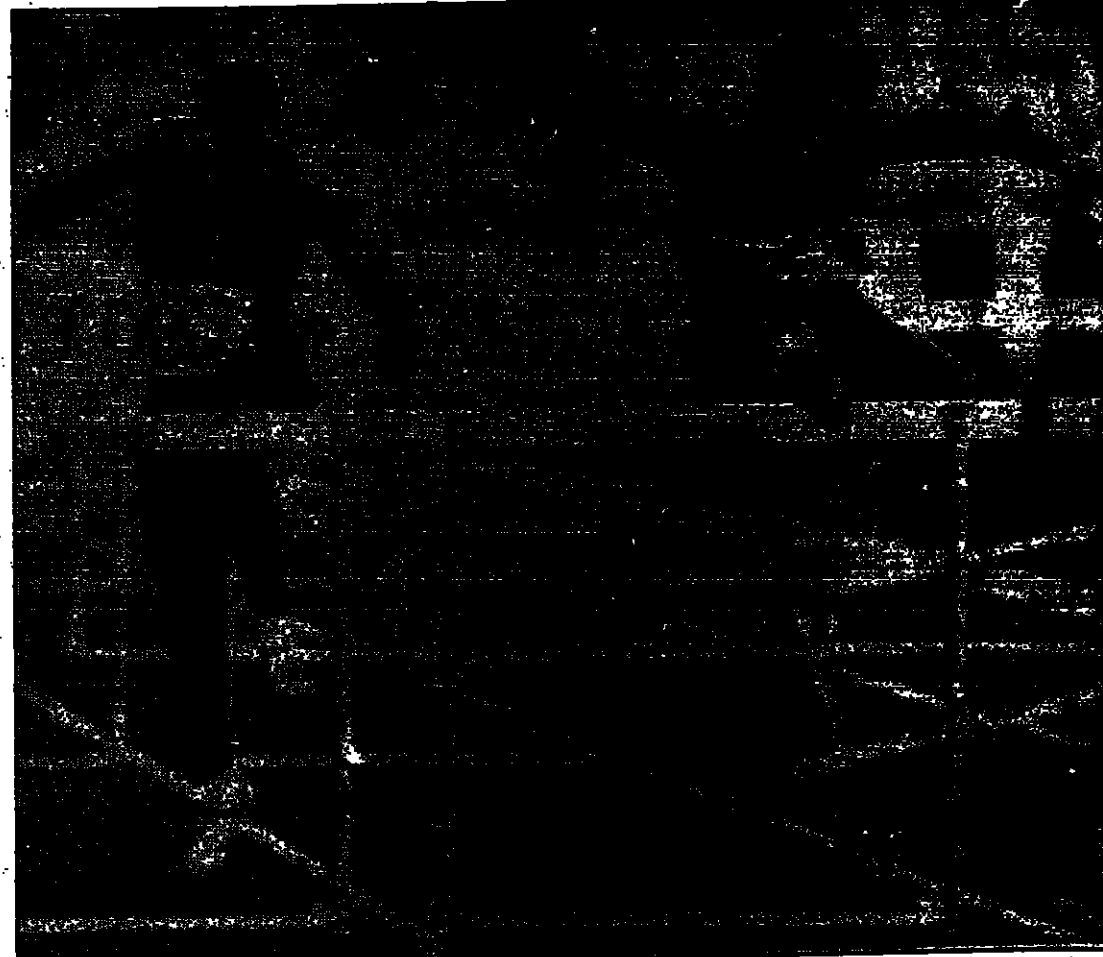
Indians 4, Tigers 0. Rod Nichols struck out a career-high 10 in 7 2/3 innings and the Cleveland Indians beat the Detroit Tigers.

The Indians and Tigers, the two lowest-scoring teams in the American League, lived up to their reputation in the three-game series with a total of nine runs.

Nichols, 4-4, gave up five hits and surpassed his previous strikeout high of six. Jesse Orosco finished with two-hit relief for his third save.

The Indians won for just the fourth time in 13 games.

Results			
American League		National League	
Minnesota	2	Toronto	0
Cleveland	4	Detroit	0
Texas	10	Kansas City	4
Houston	11	Los Angeles	3
San Francisco	4	Cincinnati	3
Atlanta	13	San Diego	4
Pittsburgh	4	St. Louis	3



Nehemiah (right) is one step ahead of Kingdom at the halfway stage. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Nehemiah defeats Kingdom

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain, Sept 15, (AP): Two-time champion Roger Kingdom not only failed to break his month-old 100-metre hurdles world record but lost to fellow American Renaldo Nehemiah in a track and field meet here Wednesday.

Kingdom, who set his world record of 12.92 Aug 16 at Zurich, Switzerland, clocked a poor 13.48 here in Jerez. He appeared tired after a long season in which he ran 48 races, including the one at Chapin stadium.

Nehemiah, who held the previous 110-metre hurdles record, was clocked at 13.30 seconds. Cuba's Emilio Valle was third at 13.54.

Abdi Bile of Somalia, 1,500 metres world champion, won the 1,000-metre run 2:14.50, two seconds slower than the world record.

Brahim Boutaib of Morocco, Olympic champion in the 10,000 metres, defeated 10,000 metres world champion Arturo Barrios of Mexico, in the 3,000-metre race.

Boutaib won in 7:42.76 ahead of Mogen Gald-

berg of Denmark, who was second with 7:43.78, and John Doherty of Ireland, who placed third with 7:43.90.

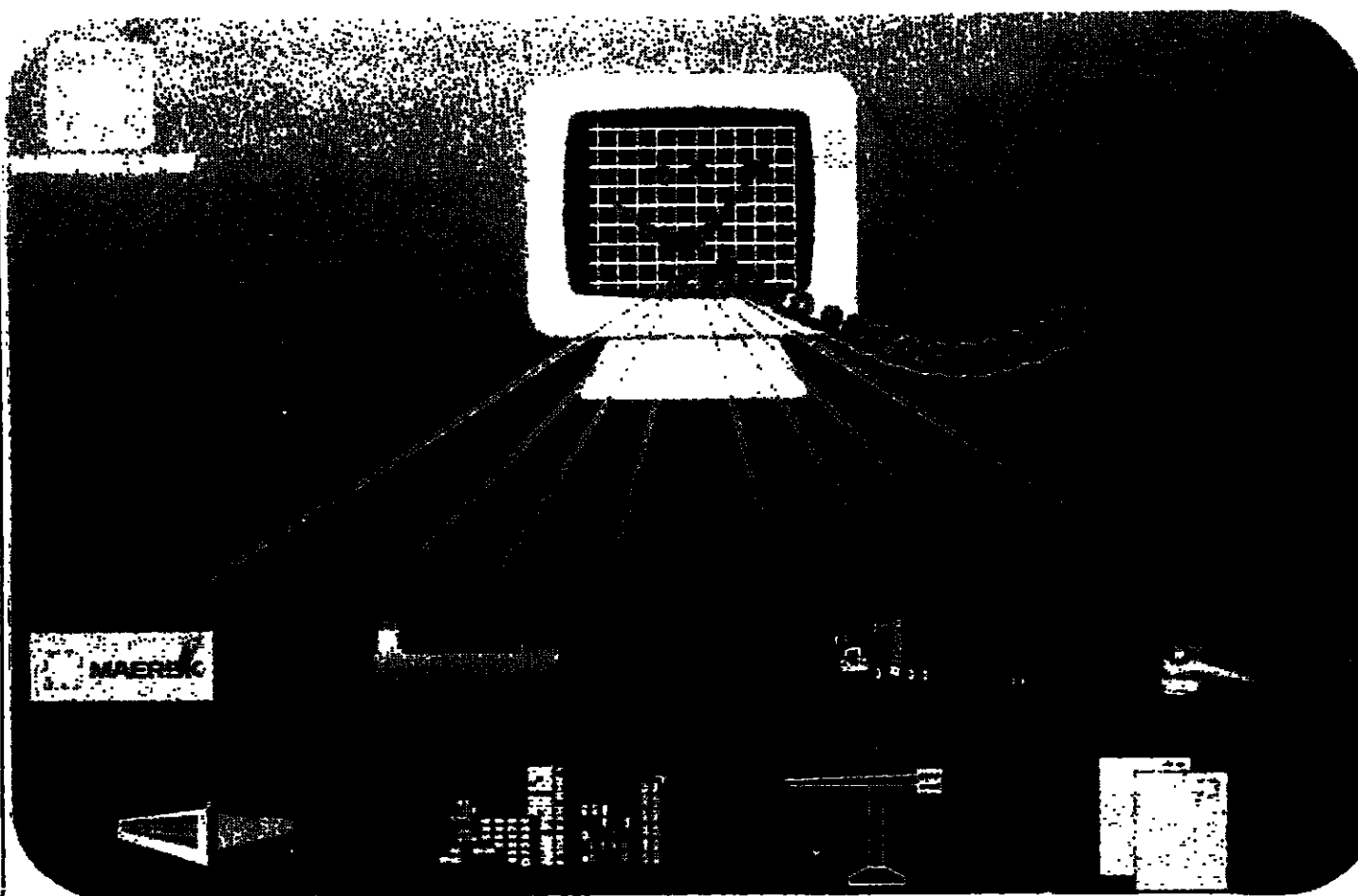
Barrios, clocked at 7:45.37, finished fourth. A US national, Danny Harris, won the 400 metres hurdles in 48.41. Kass Akabusi, Britain, was second (48.59) and Windrop Graham, Jamaica, was third (49.18).

Raymond Stewart of Jamaica won the 100-metre dash in 10:17 ahead of Chidi Imoh, Nigeria, second with 10:22, and Calvin Smith, United States, third with 10:39.

In the women's events, Sandra Gasser of Switzerland, who returned to competition following a two-year suspension, easily won the 1,000 metres in 2:31.51, beating Ana Fideia Quirot of Cuba, who placed second with 2:33.12. Maite Zumiga of Spain was third with a time of 2:34.66.

Gasser received a two-year suspension after testing positive for doping after placing third in the 1987 World Championship in Rome.

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